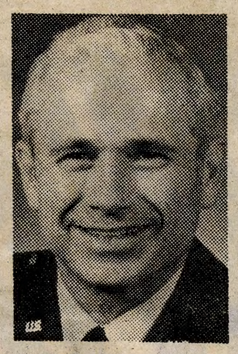
LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

1-6-83

Former hostage to speak in Astoria

A former U.S. hostage in Iran will be the guest speaker at the 110th annual Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce meeting and installation banquet Jan. 22.

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Thomas E. Schaefer, 52, was one of the 52 Americans held hostage from Nov. 4, 1979, until Jan. 20, 1981.



Col. Thomas Schaefer

The dinner will be held at the Astoria Golf and Country Club Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. A social hour is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $12; the public may attend.

At the dinner, chamber officers for 1983 will be installed and the Retailer of the Year award and annual George Awards will be presented. The George Awards go to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

Schaefer, a native of Rochester, N.Y., was assigned to Iran in May 1978 as defense and air attache. Since his release from Iran, he was professor of aerospace studies at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, and was the Air Force ROTC detachment commander. He and his wife, the former Anita McKenna of Rochester, N.Y., have two children.

Reservations for the dinner may be made through the chamber office, 325-6311.

George names sought

1-3-83

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its George Award, given annually to one or more community members in recognition of outstanding civic accomplishment.

Nominations must be in before Jan. 12. They can be submitted by chamber members or the public. Nominations should include a list of the nominee's civic activities and achievements.

The George Awards will be announced at the chamber's annual meeting and installment banquet Jan. 22 at Astoria Golf and Country Club.

For nomination forms and information, call 325-6311 or write Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 176, Astoria, 97103.

Historical group honors maritime museum opening

1/11/83

The Columbia River Maritime Museum received the Clatsop County Historical Society's Outstanding Achievement in the Field of History award at a luncheon Sunday.

Presented at the society's first membership luncheon at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, the award is to be given annually to an individual or organization who significantly contributes to the understanding of history in Clatsop County. The museum was cited for opening its new $2.5 million facility in Astoria last May.

Also given awards were:

—Historical promotion of Clatsop County in writing: Sam Churchill of Astoria for his books "Big Sam" and "Don't Call Me Ma"; Roger Tetlow for editing the society's historical quarterly, Cumtux, and Helen Mershon of The Oregonian newspaper for her articles on the Victorian homes tour last summer and the society's Victorian Christmas dinner in December.

—Fine arts: Stan Wanlass of Astoria for his statue "Arrival" that he is creating at Fort Clatsop National Memorial.

—Promotion of local history: Vera Gault of Astoria for her booklets "Walking Tour of Astoria" and "Brief History of Astoria."

—Historical preservation of buildings: Commercial, Mike and Linda Josephson of Astoria for preservation of Josephson's Smokehouse, 106 Marine Drive, Astoria; and Walter and Nancy Daggatt of Seaside for preservation of the D.K. Warren house in Warrenton.

—Leadership in historical promotion: Portland chef Richard Nelson for his Victorian Christmas dinner in Astoria last December.

—Historical interpretation: Sue Scully, historian at the Fort Stevens Historical Area and chairwoman of the Astoria Historical Buildings and Sites Commission.

Elected to the board by members Sunday were Astorians Shirley Swanson, Bob Lovell and Aneta Englund. Reappointed to the board to fill an unexpired term was Eleanor Forrester of Astoria.

Following the luncheon, the board elected Michael Foster of Astoria, president; June Daggett of Seaside, vice president; Mrs. Forrester, treasurer; and Mrs. Swanson, secretary. Outgoing board members are Sam Foster of Seaside and Erling Orwick of Astoria. Sam Foster had served as the society's president for three years.

Thomas Vaughan, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society, addressed the luncheon attended by about 130 people.

Plans to work closely with council

Dreeszen heads development panel

1/13/83

By LESLEY FORNAS
Of The Daily Astorian

Ray Dreeszen, district manager in Astoria for Northwest Natural Gas Co., was elected 1983 chairman of the Astoria Development Commission this week.

Other 1983 commission officers are Bobbie McCallister, owner of The Galleon of Astoria, vice chairman; Mike Anderson, U.S. National Bank Astoria branch manager, secretary; and Howard Walters, Columbia House condominiums developer, treasurer.



Ray Dreeszen

The fifth and newest member of the board is former state Rep. Ted Bugas. Bugas replaces Tom Lane, whose term expired Dec. 31.

The develpment commission is Astoria's urban renewal agency. It is responsible for acting as a go-between for private developers and owners of property in the Astor East Renewal District. The approximately 47-acre district is east of the downtown business district, bordered roughly by 14th Street on the west, Marine Drive on the north, 23rd Street on the east and Exchange Street on the south.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE appointed by the mayor. They are guided by an urban renewal ordinance adopted in 1980 by the Astoria City Council that gives the commission broad powers to purchase property, demolish or rehabilitate structures, clear property, relocate residents or businesses and build public improvements in the renewal district.

The ordinance anticipates that private interests will develop commercial facilities in the area and that the commission will finance public improvements, such as streets, sidewalks, signs, signals and open spaces.

The public improvements would be underwritten by a form of public financing called tax-increment financing. When the district was formed, the value of the property in the district was "frozen." The county assessor has continued to assess it each year at market value, but only the taxes on the frozen value go to local taxing districts, such as the city and county governments and the Astoria School Districts. The taxes paid on the increase in value go to the development commission to be used to pay for the public improvements.

SO FAR, THE district has about $3,600 in 1981-82 tax money and is scheduled to get about $13,580 in 1982-83 taxes, Clatsop County Assessor Art Johnson said. Johnson said the increase from 1981-82 to 1982-83 was due primarily to properties added to the tax roll within the district, such as the former Oregon National Guard Armory which is now a roller-skating rink.

Dreeszen said Astoria attorney Jeri Cohen will continue to provide legal advice to the commission and that Jean Hallaux, city planner, will continue to be city government's representative to the group.

In 1983, the commission will work closely with the Astoria City Council and planning commission and seek support and assistance from the Clatsop Economic Development Committee, Dreeszen promised.

"We will be cooperating in every way we can," the new chairman said.

Dreeszen said the panel's first priority will be discussing strategy, deciding what to do to get things started in the renewal area. The commission meets the second Monday of each month.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

1-19-83

Chamber banquet reservations due

Reservations may still be made for the 110th annual Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce meeting and installation banquet Saturday.

Guest speaker at the fete, to be held at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, is retired U.S. Air Force Col. Thomas E. Schaefer, 52, one of the 52 U.S. citizens held hostage in Iran from Nov. 4, 1979, to Jan. 20, 1981.

The dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with a social hour to begin at 6:30. Tickets are $12 and may be obtained from the chamber, 325-6311; the public may attend.

Mathews installed as chamber president

1-24-83

Hauke, Walters awarded George honors



Skip Hauke

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Chuck Walters and Skip Hauke are the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce George Award winners for 1983.

Walters and Hauke received the awards Saturday night at the chamber's 110th annual banquet at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Ray Dreeszen, manager of the Astoria office of Northwest Natural Gas Co. and a past George Award winner, made the presentations.

Walters, general manager of KAST-AM, an Astoria radio station, was cited for 11th-hour efforts to save the 1980 Astoria Regatta celebration after the then-president of the Regatta association left town unexpectedly just six weeks before the annual August festival was to begin.

"The Astoria Regatta Association was an absolute shambles" before Walters stepped in and became president, Dreeszen recalled. The Wichita, Kan., native helped the traditional event come off as scheduled, organizing the popular Regatta Square in the below-street-level parking lot bounded by Ninth, 10th, Astor streets and Marine Drive.

Walters also was cited for his involvement in the Clatsop County chapter of the March of Dimes. In two years as chairman, he coordinated fund-raising efforts that led to the purchase of a fetal heart monitor for Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria and one for Seaside General Hospital. Walters also is past president of the Sunset Empire Sports Car Club.

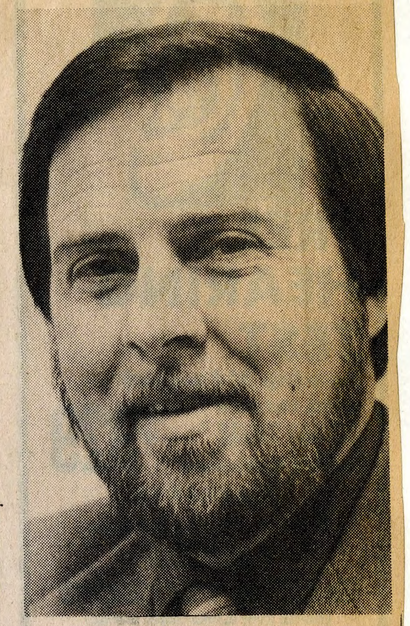
As for Hauke, he was lauded for his work on behalf of Astoria city government and the Astoria School District. A first-year city councilman, Hauke is past chairman of the city budget committee and a past member of the city traffic safety committee.

He was a prime mover in the Citizens for Astoria Schools group, which successfully campaigned last month for the 1982-83 school levy amid fears that voter rejection of it might prompt closing of the schools this winter.

In 1980, Hauke helped organize efforts to win voter approval of a $1.8 million tax base for city government, putting the city on firm budgetary ground for the first time in years.

Hauke is past president of the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association and a member of the Astoria Clowns, the Elks and the Oregon National Guard Reserve. Chamber officials previously had honored him as Retailer of the Year; he is active as a Sunday school teacher and in American Red Cross blood drives, and frequently makes donations to the Astoria High School student body. Hauke is the third-generation

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Chuck Walters

George Awards

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proprietor to Hauke's Sentry Market, 3300 Leif Erikson Drive.

The George Awards, given at chamber banquets for more than 20 years, go to individuals who became active in civic affairs, instead of sitting back and saying, "Let George do it."

Other awards were handed out Saturday night as well. Tony Stramiello, owner of Astoria Business Equipment Co., presented Stan Hauer with the Retailer of the Year award. Hauer, co-owner of Hauer's Cyclery, 1606 Marine Drive, is a past president of the Astoria Jaycees; a member of the Jaycees hall of fame; a past president of the Astoria Retail Merchants Committee, a branch of the chamber; and a Regatta association board member. Stramiello was last year's award-winner.

And City Manager Dale Curry presented a special award to Bob Chopping, Astoria's mayor from 1975 until this month. Chopping, one of the first winners of a George award in 1961, was also presented with a replacement, for he had lost the original.

New chamber officers for 1983 were installed at the banquet: President Loran Mathews, President-elect Jeff Ter Har, Vice President John Palo, Treasurer Joan Pratt, and board Chairman Dale Collins, who is outgoing chamber president.

Mathews, business manager of the Astoria School District since 1966, is past president of the Scandinavian Festival Association. He has lived in Astoria since his discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard more than 20 years ago.

Ter Har runs the Astoria women's clothing store Ter Har's, 1117 Commercial St., whose sister store is in Seaside. He is a native of Clatsop County.

One hundred forty-one dinners were purchased for Saturday's banquet.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF 1/18/83

Mayor to explain goals at forum

Astoria Mayor Edith Henningsgaard will talk about her goals for the city at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's forum luncheon noon Thursday at the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant.

Mrs. Henningsgaard assumed her first political office this month and is the city's first female mayor. She was a winner of the 1982 George Award, presented by the chamber to recognize unselfish service to the community.

The mayor will discuss her belief that Astoria city government should use the city's natural resources for economic development, particularly tourism.

The forum is open to the public. It will be in the restaurant's Chinook Room. For reservations, call the chamber office, 325-6311.



Edith Henningsgaard

County's gift to CEDC goes for promotion

1/31/83

GEARHART — An $8,000 contribution from Clatsop County government will boost a countywide effort to promote tourism, organized by the Clatsop Economic Development Committee.

At their first meeting of 1983 Thursday, CEDC members quickly approved a supplemental budget for 1982-83 to take the $8,000 contribution into account.

Half the gift is earmarked for creating a brochure and a booth for use in shopping mall promotions, as well as out-of-pocket travel expenses. Some $950 is intended for a backdrop and sign for the booth, $800 for subsidizing promotions, $1,500 for a full-page color advertisement in the July issue of Oregon Business magazine and $750 for overhead.

Clatsop County's four chambers of commerce — Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach and Warrenton — will work cooperatively with CEDC on the promotion, CEDC members were told Thursday.

In other business, members adopted a $33,835 budget proposal for 1983-84. Most of the money will be contributed by the Port of Astoria and Clatsop County government — $8,000 apiece — and Clatsop County's six municipal governments. Budgeted spending is mostly for CEDC manager Margaret Forbes, the organization's sole paid staff person, approximately $7,500 for "Project Six," the industrial recruitment program and office expenses.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF 1/31/83

Historical society director resigns

Gloria Richards, director of the Clatsop County Historical Society since September 1980, has resigned.

She submitted her resignation to the society's board of directors several weeks ago. It became effective today.

"After more than two years of directing the society's activities, Ms. Richards said that she was ready to move on to other potential opportunities in her field," the society's prepared statement announcing the resignation said.

"We appreciate all the hard work and efforts Ms. Richards has given to the society and its growth," said Michael Foster, board president.

According to the statement, membership increased from 160 members to nearly 600 members and the annual budget from about $12,000 to $70,000 during her directorship.

The society cited the lease of the old Astoria City Hall at 16th and Exchange streets for use as a heritage center as one of its major steps toward growth under Ms. Richards' tenure. Artifacts from the Flavel House Museum are to be moved to the heritage center, although no opening date has been set.

Among Ms. Richards' other accomplishments as director, the society cited publication of its quarterly historical magazine, Cumtux, photograph indexing projects, renovation of the Flavel House interior and major work on the museum's foundation.

"I have found my association with the Clatsop County Historical Society to be an enriching experience, both personally and professionally," Ms. Richards said in the prepared statement. "I certainly expect to see continued growth for the organization."

Foster said Aneta Englund, a member of the society's board, would be interim administrator of the museum and heritage center. The society also plans to hire a curator, he said.

AREA BRIEFS

2-7-83

Meeting Place Switched — An organizational meeting for the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. has been switched to the Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 10th and Exchange streets, Astoria. Groups, businesses and individuals who want to rent booth space at the festival, scheduled for March 26-27 in the former Barbey Packing Corp. building east of the Port of Astoria, should attend, say spokesmen for the Committee to Promote Astoria, sponsors of the festival. More information is available from 325-6311 or 325-2284.

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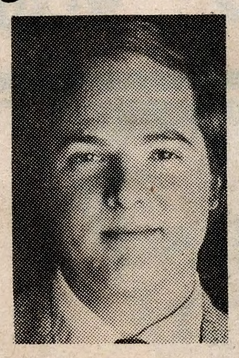
Retail Merchants Meeting — The Astoria Retail Merchants Committee will meet 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Fiesta Restaurant, 1040 Commercial St., Astoria.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF 2-1-83

Port deputy takes state job

Greg Baker, deputy director of finance for the Port of Astoria, will become director of the Ports Division of the Oregon Department of Economic Development, The Daily Astorian has learned.

Baker will leave the $39,600 job he has held since January 1981 soon to take the state government job, Douglas Carter, director of the agency, confirmed today.



Greg Baker

Baker formerly worked for the division as director of its port revolving fund. His boss at the time was Floyd Shelton. After Shelton was hired as the Port of Astoria's executive director, he hired Baker as director of finance.

Steve Felkins, the port's deputy director for operations, also once was director of the Ports Division.

Baker has a master's degree in business from Portland State University and formerly worked as a federal savings and loan examiner. He will fill a position most recently held by Rick Schulberg, who has been promoted to head a larger division within the Economic Development Department, Carter said.

"He had the talent and the skills and the background and the expertise," Carter said of his reason for hiring Baker.

Neither Baker nor Shelton could be reached for comment today.

2-1-83

Has promoted Newport

Ad firm to boost Astoria

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

What's good for Newport may be good for Astoria as well, the Committee to Promote Astoria has decided.

Committee members have appointed McDonald, Babb & Clarkson Inc., a Portland advertising firm, to coordinate their efforts to boost tourism on the North Coast.

McDonald, Babb & Clarkson is the same firm that has had a similar arrangement with Newport's chamber of commerce since 1976, Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce manager Jim Durham says. During that time, Newport's fortunes as a tourist mecca have boomed, and the city has grown accordingly.

The Committee to Promote Astoria takes a one-third cut of the 6 percent room tax levied upon all hotel and motel room charges within the city limits. That amounted to about $36,000 for the 1981-82 fiscal year, and probably will be slightly less for 1982-83, Durham says.

With that money, members of the committee, a chamber-sponsored group, are charged with attracting out-of-towners.

"We are hopeful that we can get much of the same type of exposure (as Newport)—the committee's budget is considerably smaller (than the Newport tourism promotion budget), but they started out small, too," says Durham.

The agreement with McDonald, Babb & Clarkson involves no contract or retainer, and committee members need guidance from the agency about how best to spend their money, Durham acknowledges.

Decisions must be made concerning what markets to target, whether to use television, radio or newspaper advertising, or some other form, and so forth.

Durham said neither Newport chamber officials nor Astoria committee members felt McDonald, Babb & Clarkson would have a conflict of interest trying to serve both clients. "I think we can help each other, complement each other," Durham says.

Durham says he is sure the advertising will concentrate on the Portland metropolitan area.

Bobbie McCallister, owner of a downtown Astoria gift shop, is chairman of the 10-member committee.

D.A. 1/31/83

Bridge had decrease in '82 traffic

Astoria Bridge traffic was down slightly for 1982, the Oregon Highway Division reports.

A total of 879,500 motor vehicles went over the 4.1-mile span across the Columbia River last year, said Eldon Everton of the division's Astoria office. In 1981, 906,715 vehicles crossed the structure; that was the highest figure since it opened in 1966.

The decrease last year amounted to 3 percent. The peak month was July, with 120,162 vehicles crossing. Ordinarily, August sees the most traffic, but the 113,106 total in August 1982 was the lowest since 1974, Everton said. The lowest month, as usual, was January, with just 42,238 crossings.

Tolls on the bridge, unchanged since it opened, are $1.50 for passenger cars, pickups and recreational vehicles; $2 for cars with trailers, $3 for trucks and $4 for truck-trailer combinations, all one way. The overwhelming majority of vehicles that use the bridge are passenger cars, Everton said.

Vernon Skoog in the Highway Division office in Salem said the total toll revenues from the bridge in 1982 were $1,379,380, or an average of $1.57 fare per crossing.

The 30-year bonds which were sold to finance construction of the $24 million bridge are due to be paid off in 1995. Officials say the toll will be lifted when that happens.

Actually the bridge is "operating on a slight profit," but the surplus is being applied to repay subsidies both states granted to make construction possible, Skoog said. There's no point in trying to retire the bonds ahead of schedule because they were sold in an era of comparatively low interest rates, Everton said.

A study conducted in 1958 projected that only about 350,000 vehicles a year would be going over the bridge by 1982; a 1973 Highway Division forecast predicted traffic would reach only 905,200 by 1985 after slow, steady annual increases.

Welk accordionist to give three festival performances

2-7-83

Accordionist Myron Floren, assistant band director for Lawrence Welk and a member of Welk's organization for 30 years, will give three performances at the 1983 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Floren, a native of Webster, S.D., began playing the accordion at the age of 7. When he was 9, he won first and second prizes at a local amateur contest. He worked his way through Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., by teaching the accordion and began to play professionally at 19 over radio station KSOO.

Floren says his favorite music is the polka, although he is skilled in music from classical to pops. He has published a series of accordion instruction books and record albums on the Ranwood label.

Astoria performances by Floren will be June 18 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and June 19 at 2 p.m.

Admission to the performance, which will be at Astoria High School,



Myron Floren

is by reserved ticket only, which may be obtained by writing: Reservations, Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association, P.O. Box 45, Astoria 97103.

Tickets are $2 for adults and children. An addressed and stamped envelope and ticket payment must be included with reservation requests. Reserve tickets don't include festival admission.

Booth applications accepted

D.A. 2-9-83

The Committee to Promote Astoria, an arm of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, is accepting applications for booth space at the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival March 26-27.

The festival, held last year in the former Barbey Packing Corp. building east of the Port of Astoria, will take place in the covered warehouse at port Pier 3 this year. Would-be patrons were turned away last year, but 5,000 or so were accommodated; this year, chamber officials expect 10,000 to 15,000.

Committee members say groups, businesses or individuals who want to rent booth space should attend an organizational meeting Feb. 10 at the port commission meeting room, Pier 1, at 7:30 p.m. Those who can't attend may call Jim Durham at the chamber office, 325-6311 or Dan Andriesian, 325-2284, for more information.

DA 2-8-83

Business aid workshop set

SEASIDE — The Oregon Department of Economic Development will offer a workshop about federal financial assistance available to small businesses here Wednesday.

Representatives of the agency will be on hand to discuss federal financing tools available to help expanding small businesses and to meet individually with business owners seeking fixed-asset financing.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

2-9-83

'Success workshop' Feb. 18

A daylong small business "success workshop" will be held at Clatsop Community College Feb. 18. It is sponsored by the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, Seaside Chamber of Commerce, the college and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The workshop, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., is designed for business people and prospective business people. Different instructors will cover success and failure factors, marketing and sales, money management, records and bookkeeping, legal aspects of business and SBA programs.

Kits of free SBA publications will be available; a film will be shown. More information is available from the college, 325-0910.

Location Reported Incorrectly — Because of a reporter's error, an Area Brief in Monday's edition of The Daily Astorian incorrectly reported the location of the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival scheduled for March 26-27 in Astoria. The festival will be held in the covered warehouse at Pier 3 of the Port of Astoria.

2-9-83

Through 444-day Iranian ordeal

1/24/83

Faith, self-discipline aided hostage

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Prayer, faith, exercise, stubbornness, a sense of humor, and a strict daily routine helped one of the 52 American hostages survive 444 days as an Iranian captive, he said in a speech Saturday.

Retired Air Force Col. Thomas E. Schaefer was the featured speaker at the 110th annual Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. About 150 heard Schaefer's talk.

SCHAEFER WAS HELD hostage in Iran from Nov. 4, 1979, until Jan. 20, 1981, when American officials negotiated his release along with those of 51 other Americans who had been captured by militants at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. During that time, Schaefer spent two solitary weeks in a bare room with no regular meals and temperatures never more than a little above freezing, 100 days in solitary confinement, and countless moments blindfolded at the point of a gun. Through it all, he had no idea when or whether he would return home.

"I accepted the situation — there's nothing you can do about what happened a second ago; that's history," Schaefer said. "I didn't feet sorry for myself; I didn't say, 'Lord, why me?' "

A strong self-image and a positive attitude helped. "I only took 24 hours at a time — I didn't worry about whether I was going to get home for Christmas."

Instead, Shaefer concentrated on maintaining the best possible physical and mental health. He exercised for an hour twice a day, completing up to 1,000 push-ups. He walked an hour a day, keeping strict track of the distance covered. He practiced yoga for an hour twice each day, teaching himself to stand on his head with his hands free.

"I came out of captivity in better shape than at any other time since I graduated college — I lost 30 pounds," he said.

ONCE HIS CAPTORS granted him library privileges — something that was a long time coming becuase he had "harassed" his guards — he spent 2½ hours daily studying German and reading Shakespeare, Herodotus and other classics. The German came in handy. It enabled him to read an article in Der Spiegel — the German equivalent of Time magazine — that provided him his first news of the aborted attempt to rescue the hostages.

Schaefer also sang to himself, mentally replayed tennis games stroke-by-stroke and rehearsed a family hike in Yosemite National Park. During scheduled late-afternoon free time, Schaefer played cards — sometimes bidding and playing all four hands of a bridge game — and wrote letters home even though he correctly suspected few would be delivered. "It was therapeutic," he said.

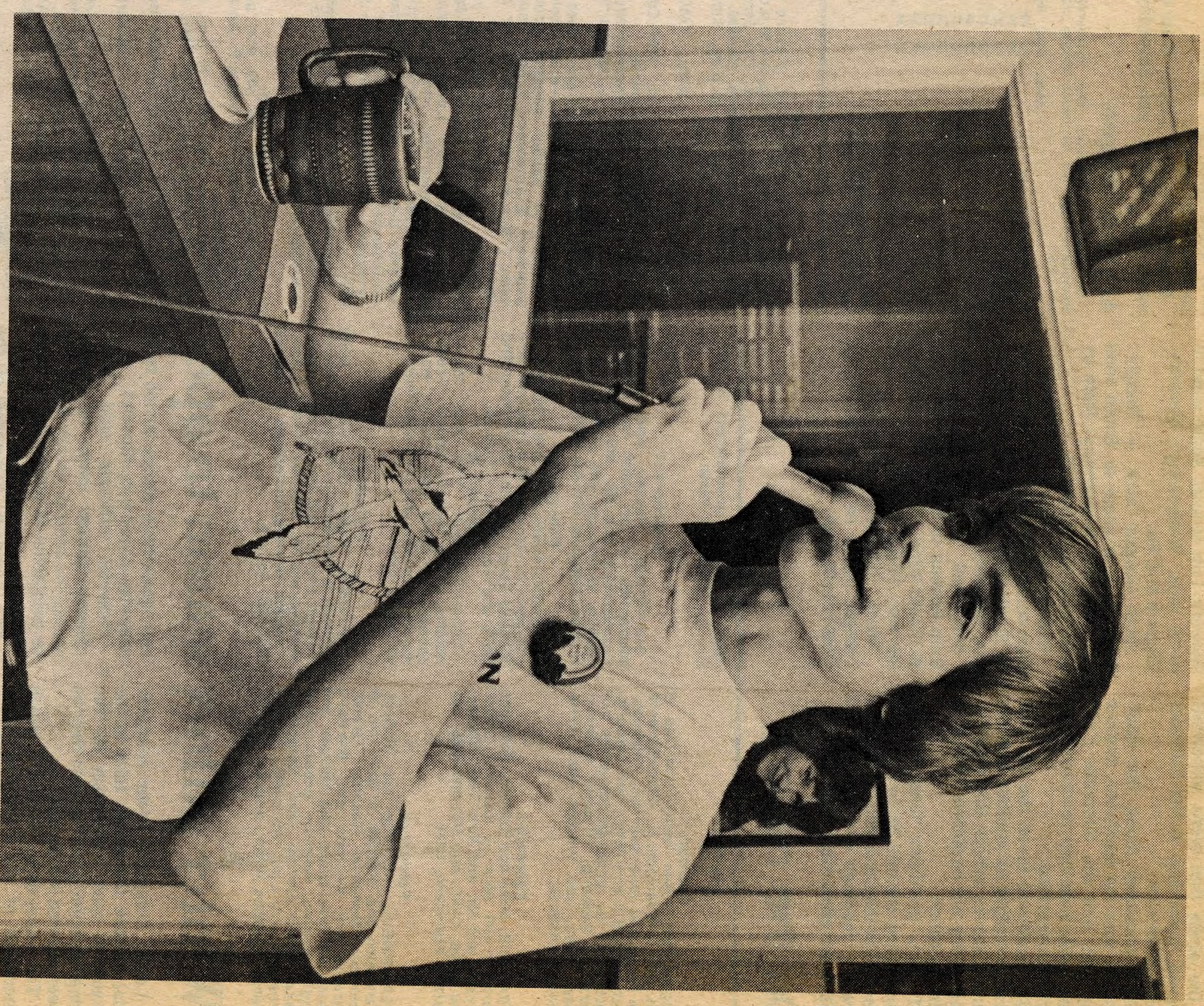
The strength of character Schaefer knew his wife, Anita, possessed was an inspiration to him during their long separation, Schaefer said. She maintained a low profile publicly. "You never saw her on TV," Schaefer said. A mother of one of the other hostages was prepared to commit suicide until she discussed the matter with Mrs. Schaefer; she told Schaefer after his return that "her conversation with Anita saved her life," Schaefer said.

HIS FAITH IN U.S. government officials, including President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, never wavered, Schaefer recalled. "This became difficult because our militants (captors) told us almost daily, 'You have been written off,' " Schaefer acknowledged.

But "I was proud (Carter) displayed the patience and maturity we expect out of a president of the United States . . . he had other options . . . he chose the toughest route, but the route that got us all home: negotiation."

As for his religious faith, Schaefer said, "I was never alone, for God was only a prayer away." He derived much strength from Bible reading, he said.

Schaefer said he had bet another hostage about the anticipated date of their release and had won by picking Nov. 15, 1980. "My feeling was, we were going to have to go through the elections, and I knew I was going to have a long stay."



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Fast for food

With a sip from a blended fruit concoction, John Mykels broke his 14-day fast Monday, 18 pounds lighter but happy with the results.

The 32-year-old KVAS radio announcer's "Have a Heart — Fast for Life" campaign had raised about $3,850 and brought in two dozen boxes of food by 5 p.m. Monday, he told his listeners. Mykels began the campaign Jan. 31 to draw attention to the needs of those going hungry in Clatsop County.

"In my estimation the . . . campaign was a success," he said, thanking a long list of individuals, groups and businesses that helped him and praising those who had donated cash and food, which is being distributed by the Astoria Ministerial Association.

"Without you I would have been just a man going hungry for a good cause," he said. "Your generosity has blessed me many times over and it truly makes me proud to be a member of this community."

2-15-83

Honored guests



Clatsop County Commissioners Don Church and Joan Dukes, center, were among more than 100 people who gathered at the Flavel House Museum Monday to honor Mae Miller, second from right, and Verne Stratton, left.

Stratton was on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners when the county government first bought the Flavel House. Mrs. Miller is one of the founding members of the Clatsop County Historical Society, which operates the museum.

Historical society President Michael Foster, right, introduced Mrs. Miller and Stratton after a flag-raising ceremony celebrating Oregon's 124th birthday. An afternoon dessert and card party followed to raise funds to buy new wallpaper for the museum library.

The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

2-16-83

Historical society administrator picked

By CHRIS GENNA
Of The Daily Astorian

Living history is the Clatsop County Historical Society's cup of tea, says Aneta Englund, the society's new administrator.

But teas are just one activity she's planning in coming months to help Clatsop County residents get involved in their "rich heritage."

Mrs. Englund resigned a position on the society's board of directors to take the full-time job of administering the society's Flavel House Museum and Clatsop County Heritage Center, a job she has held on an interim basis since Gloria Richards resigned as society director Jan. 31.

AFTER MS. RICHARDS' resignation, the society's board decided to divide her duties between an administrator and a curator, Mrs. Englund said. The society's plans to hire a full-time curator are unchanged.

While the curator will have direct responsibility for restoration of the Flavel House, 441 Eighth St., to a Victorian home setting, and to inventory and catalog artifacts, an overall manager of the society's activities and growth is needed. That's the role Mrs. Englund said she'll fill.

Mrs. Englund said she'll be responsible for the society's public relations, tourism promotion and will work with museum volunteers, handle fund-raising and manage the society's business operations.



Aneta Englund

"The job (the former director position) was really just getting too big for one person to be efficient in all areas," she said.

A former teacher with a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Oregon, Mrs. Englund serves on the Lewis and Clark School Board. Until last Friday, she was assistant manager and buyer for The Galleon of Astoria, a downtown gift store. She has been active in church and school activities since she came to Astoria 22 years ago.

THAT BACKGROUND SHOULD help, she said, in encouraging the use of the society's facilities by the community. Her main emphasis will be on the special events she plans to hold in the Flavel House, like the centennial flag ceremony, tea and mah-jongg party held Monday.

Mrs. Englund said the society plans many similar events in the mansion in coming months, including reservation-only lunches she said may be held four times a year.

Those lunches, besides being major fund-raisers, also will give community residents the chance to use, rather than just look at, the facilities. Volunteer servers may wear Victorian clothing to heighten the feeling of historical ambiance.

Work on the Heritage Center at 16th Street and Exchange Avenue, will take a back seat to the immediate goal of restoring the Flavel House to the "grand old lady of Astoria's Victorian homes," she said.

HOW MUCH IS done with the Heritage Center will depend ultimately on the fate of a $140,000 grant the society has applied for from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust. Indeed, a Heritage Center, or museum annex, might ultimately be established in the now-vacant Uppertown fire hall, at the corner of 30th Street and Leif Erikson Drive rather than in the former City Hall the society leased Sept. 1, 1982.

In the meantime, Mrs. Englund said, the 600-member society needs to "take a good, hard look at our finances," and set separate long- and short-term goals.

There are some tremendous challenges ahead," she said, "and I'm really excited about them."

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Museum's ceremony marks state birthday

By PHILIPPA MARDESICH
For the Daily Astorian

HATS, HEARTS AND FLOWERS — The old Flavel House Museum stirred from its dreams of a bygone era Monday to form the setting for a memorable afternoon commemorating Oregon's admittance into the union Feb. 14, 1859. The celebration, appropriately, was held Monday, the very birthdate of the "Valentine State," as it was known. And it took place in Astoria, the first settlement in the state, carved from the Oregon Territory when a log fort was built on the banks of the Columbia destined to become the town of Astoria.

The event started off in a rousing fashion, with the Astoria High School battle hymn, played by a 12-piece band with director Lee Stromquist on the veranda of the old mansion on Eighth and Duane. Followed by more stirring school songs by the band, Oregon's state song was played as the Oregon state flag was hoisted by a group of Brownie Scouts of Troop 741, Astor School, accompanied by their leader Beverly Hoofnagel.



Hats, such as those worn by Mary Elizabeth Ausnehmer, left, and Mae Miller, added to the day's festivities.

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With the state honors completed honors were due two citizens who had played important parts in the restoration of the Victorian mansion. Mae Miller, dowager queen of those doing the long, laborious work of restoring the old home and furnishing it with Victorian artifacts, was introduced by Michael Foster, newly elected president of the Clatsop County Historical Society. The applause rang out again as Verne Stratton was introduced, a county commissioner who had worked with the historical society during those restoration days. Both Mrs. Miller and Stratton wore sprigs of Oregon grape in their lapels. On the veranda above the crowd assembled below were Edith Henningsgaard, mayor of Astoria, Eloise York, mayor of Hammond, Joan Dukes and Don Church, county commissioners.

With introductions made, the crowd dispersed within the museum. Members of the Clatsop County Historical Society had decorated the old home with numerous colorful Victorian floral arrangements, adding to the setting by asking those serving and attending to wear an old hat. Not only adding to the decor but causing much merriment and no little awe were fancy creations with laces and plumes, flowers and furbelows, many of the old creations bearing labels of famous milliners of a former day.

Presiding at silver tea and coffee services under the crystal chandelier in the dining room were Margaret Foster, mother of Michael, and Aneta Englund, museum administrator. Elizabeth O'Donnell was "Queen of Hearts" who arranged for the tarts, served prior to the afternoon of card and other games at tables set up in the various rooms of the museum.

Mah Jongg players, with their colorful, clicking tiles were ensconced in the Oriental room upstairs, and four Yahtze players had another room all to themselves.

At the close of the afternoon's play, numerous prizes were awarded by drawing names from the highs and lows at each table. Spearheading the event were June Daggett, Seaside, and Mary Elizabeth (Boyington) Ausnehmer, Seaside. Bill Reuter was in charge of reservations, Jean Anderson, prizes, and Eleanor Wentworth, tallies. Lucille Scarborough, Gearhart, presented a scholarship award to Brownie Scout Troop 741 for their part in the flag-raising, and Foster was in charge of floral arrangements. Others who had assisted in making the event a success, which, incidentally, brought in the tidy sum of $376 for wall-papering the library of the home, were Carol Moore, Walt and Margaret Vernstrom, Barbara Gray, Cannon Beach, Margaret Wascher, Gearhart, Selma Mathews, Dorothy McGregor, Evelyn Hankel, Eleanor Forrester, Nancy Lowe, Anne McGowan, and Earl Galindo.

COAST GUARD GALA — The men at Coast Guard Air Station Astoria threw another of those celebrations marking a promotion. Jeffrey Deems, electronic technician was promoted to ET1 (chief) at a ceremony held at the station recently. And this was followed by an initiation which took place in the lower level of the Astoria Moose Club.

Wives were invited to a buffet served by the club chefs, after which they repaired upstairs to the lounge for cocktails, and dancing. Chief Deems served for two years with the Coast Guard in Spain before coming to Astoria. He and his English-born wife, Ruth, and their 10-month old daughter, Natalie, are now living in Warrenton. From the coast of Spain to the coast of Oregon is quite a hop, but the newcomers are adjusted to things such as difference in climate as CG families do, and are very much at home in Clatsop County.

Export ban said threat to local economy

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By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

A proposed Oregon log export ban would have a devastating effect on Clatsop County's forestry-based economy, Clatsop Economic Development Committee members were told Thursday night.

The perennial issue was the subject of a panel discussion at the Astoria Moose Lodge in which the preponderance of stated opinion was in opposition to the idea. The Oregon Legislature has resumed consideration of a ban this winter after agreeing to postpone it in its regular session two years ago and instead have a study done of its potential effects. That study was released Jan. 6.

It "tends to substantiate" the claim that a log export ban would bring about "major revenue and employment losses to the state, even under extremely (favorable) market conditions," Rob Michie, manager of the Crown Zellerbach Corp. Clatsop Managed Forest, told the group of about 40.

MICHIE'S OPPOSITION TO a ban was supported by representatives of the Port of Astoria and Astoria longshoremen. Both said such a ban might put them pretty much out of business.

Dant & Russell Inc., owner of the Warrenton Lumber Co. sawmill and, like Crown, a log exporter, was invited to participate in Thursday's panel, but didn't.

Boise Cascade Corp., another big Clatsop County forest landowner, which supported a log export ban in testimony before the Legislature two years ago, wasn't invited.

And Astoria Plywood Corp., a worker-owned cooperative that is the only other big economic interest in the county to have supported a ban over the years, sent a letter from President Paul Welfley instead of a representative.

Welfley's letter said the corporation is definitely opposed to log exports, except of privately owned timber that wouldn't be replaced by the purchase of public timber. A 20-year-old state law requires that "domestic needs for timber take No. 1 precedent," the letter said.

THURSDAY IT FELL to Andy Kerr, associate director of the Oregon Natural Resources Council, to play the role of Daniel in the lion's den. (The ONRC is an umbrella organization of environmental groups.)

The other speakers on the panel framed the issue as whether Oregon logs will be milled here or overseas. But Kerr saw it as a question of whether to harvest the logs at all.

"The assumption has been the export of finished lumber (as opposed to raw logs) was to be encouraged" but that ignores "the limits of our natural resource base in sustaining such exploitation," Kerr said. He favored not only banning all log exports — even those with no connection to publicly owned forests — but also a legal limit on logging levels. "We're logging a lot of our lands — we think, a bit too much." Even banning export of finished lumber products might eventually be appropriate, Kerr said.

However, Kerr acknowledged under questioning from the audience that Clatsop County may be an exception to the general pattern he perceives of overcutting Oregon's forests. "The North Coast is not facing a timber shortage like the rest of the state," but our timber "needs to be conserved very carefully," he said.

HE OFFERED NO disagreement to Michie's claim that the 164,000-acre Crown forest, which takes up 30 percent of Clatsop County's land area, is growing timber faster than it is being logged. Nor did he quarrel with Steve Laam, assistant Astoria District forester for the Oregon Department of Forestry, who said its local holdings — second only to Crown's — are managed on a sustained-yield basis.

But overcutting has caused economic problems in such far-flung places as Maine, Wisconsin and the Lane-Douglas County area of Oregon, he said. More than 3 million acres of logged-over Oregon forests have yet to be replanted, he said. "Consider how you use this resource — don't just go for a short-term (economic) fix."

The status of Oregon log exports is murky as the new Legislature moves into its second month. Export of unprocessed state logs, except Port Orford cedar, is illegal, but "substitution," the practice of buying state timber to replace private timber that went overseas, is permitted.

THE PARTIAL BAN was thrown into limbo when Oregon Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer's office issued an opinion last February that said the Oregon Legislature had overreached itself in regulating such matters. The opinion said regulating commerce was up to Congress, not the states.

However, confusion increased when a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling upheld a state log export ban in Alaska. The jurisdiction of the federal court that made the ruling — only one step in the appeals

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procedure below the U.S. Supreme Court—includes Oregon as well as Alaska. Subsequently Frohnmayer said it was up to local district attorneys, not his office, to enforce the partial Oregon ban, which remains on the books. It was instituted in 1981 while action on a total ban was deferred.

For the time being, Oregon Department of Forestry timber contracts with private logging companies make no mention of substitution, effectively allowing it to continue.

THURSDAY STEVE FELKINS, deputy director for operations of the Port of Astoria, and Chuck McBride, an Astoria longshoreman and former president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 50, were most outspoken on the prospects of the economic harm a ban might bring.

Such a ban "would be the end of the Port of Astoria as you know it — it would stop, and stop suddenly," Felkins warned. That has potential consequences not only for the port piers — the county wide taxing district's main source or revenue — but its airport and mooring basins as well, Felkins noted, because the piers subsidize those money-losing operations.

McBride said a ban would mean "we (longshoremen) would have to pack our suitcases and look for somewhere else to put our hand out for a job." Logs are virtually the entire cargo at the port, and the trend has been toward less diversification, not more.

FELKINS ALSO SAID environmental groups would be little upset by the prospect that a log export ban might wipe out the Port of Astoria. "Don't look for any sympathy from the national conservation organizations to keep this port open — it is the stated objective of almost every (one) to shut down the small ports." They favor having only a few "superports" instead, because they think that would involve less detrimental environmental effect, Felkins said.

Lease signed 2-21-83

CZ to locate offices at airport

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Crown Zellerbach Corp., Clatsop County's largest employer, is coming to the Port of Astoria Airport.

Company officials in Portland have signed a lease with the port to locate offices at the airport industrial park, a Crown spokesman said Friday.

Tom Notos, deputy port director for real estate management, said a few weeks ago that port officials already had approved general terms of the lease.

Jack Boyd, Crown's Astoria-area engineer, said in October that the San Francisco-based forest products concern wanted the site to locate up to three modular buildings which would contain about 12 offices. In an Oct. 13 memo to port commissioners concerning the lease, Notos said Crown would bring approximately 10 employees to the site.

The land Crown is leasing is just east of the former hangar that houses Rainbow Creations Inc. and Lektro Inc. Terms of the lease Crown has signed call for a one-year, $275-a-month rental on 15,000 square feet. Boyd said today that port officials have yet to sign the lease, but its terms were proposed by the port.

Crown employs about 700 at its Wauna pulp and paper mill 30 miles east of the airport and 200 more in its Seaside-based Clatsop Managed Forest, which includes about 30 percent of Clatsop County's land area. The forest operation alone had a $5.5.-million payroll in 1982, Rob Michie, manager of the forest, said in a speech to the Clatsop Economic Development Committee Thursday.

Michie also said the company is concentrating its U.S. forest production operations in two "core opportunity areas"; eastern Louisiana and the mid- to lower Columbia. "They are central to our operation and will continue to be," Michie said.

Boyd had said in October that Crown was considering relocation of its Northwest timber administrative offices to Astoria. But today he said those offices will remain in Portland; the airport offices will be used for other purposes.

Michie said Friday that Crown's timetable for occupying the site won't be established until Crown officials appear before the Warrenton Planning Commission March 9 — the panel's next meeting — to seek authorization to install modular buildings. (The airport is within Warrenton city limits.)

On Oct. 13, Warrenton planning commissioners approved the concept of allowing offices in the airport industrial park.

According to Notos' memo, the port is to take care of covering the area with gravel, but Crown will be responsible for sewer and water hookups. The site Crown is leasing formerly was covered with several small concrete storage buildings. Port maintenance crews demolished those buildings Oct. 1 as part of the port's program for sprucing up the largely undeveloped industrial park.

Paulus will address forum lunch Friday

2-21-83

Oregon Secretary of State Norma Paulus will be the speaker at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's noon forum luncheon Friday. It will be held in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant.

Mrs. Paulus has been asked to discuss voting by mail, which she favors. She is the state's chief elections officer. Voting by mail has sharply increased voter participation in elections in which it has been tried, she says.

Mrs. Paulus was born in 1933 in Belgrade, Neb.; her family moved to Burns when she was 5 years old. She was unable to attend undergraduate school because of financial hardship. However, after having worked as a legal secretary for the Harney County district attorney and the Oregon Supreme Court chief justice, she was admitted to the Willamette University Law School in 1956 and entered the state bar in 1962. She subsequently practiced law as an appeals attorney. Her husband, Bill, is a Salem lawyer; their two children attend Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.

Mrs. Paulus is chairman of the Oregon Historical Properties Commission and a member of the Willamette University board of trustees and the Benedictine Foundation of Oregon. In December, she won the first woman of the year award from the Oregon Women Lawyers.



Norma Paulus

Mrs. Paulus **also is a member of** the State Land Board, which controls what is considered to be a prime industrial site on the east side of Tongue Point near Astoria.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the chamber, 325-6311.

Seafood fete first of group's events

2-21-83

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Has It Committee has scheduled a full slate of activities for 1983, committee President Bob Bradley says.

The committee is a group of merchants formed a few years ago to encourage Sunset Empire residents to do their shopping in Astoria, says Bradley, manager of the Astoria Safeway store. It operates independently of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, though many of its members belong to the chamber as well. A comparable chamber branch, the Astoria Retail Merchants Association, has no regular source of revenue, but the approximately 50 Astoria Has It Committee members pay $10 a month apiece to conduct promotional activities.

At the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival scheduled for March 26-27 in the former covered warehouse of Pier 3 at the Port of Astoria, the committee will distribute 8,000 "Discount Dollars" offering up to a 40 percent price break on goods and services from participating merchants. A similar promotion — the "Crab Dollar" — was used at the first crab feed event last spring. And participants in the first Great Columbia Crossing, the 8.5-mile footrace over the Astoria Bridge last October, were given such discount coupons in their race packets.

The crab feed itself is being organized by the Committee to Promote Astoria, another arm of the chamber of commerce.

Discount Dollars also will be distributed through the Astoria Has It Committee in connection with the Six-Pac sailing races in July, the Oregon mayor's conference scheduled for Astoria in August, and the second Great Columbia Crossing in October.

On April 3, an Easter bunny carrying baskets full of candy will visit merchants who participate in the committee. In May, members hope to put together a 50-coupon book, offering price discounts through participating stores.

This summer and fall the committee will distribute white cardboard signs with blue lettering to member merchants during tourist-oriented events in Astoria: Maritime Week in May, the five daylong visits of the Sitmar Fairsea cruise ship, the Six-Pac races, the mayor's conference, the footrace and the Ports of Call visits. Ports of Call is a travel club which brings sport fishermen from Colorado to the North Coast on flights to the Port of Astoria Airport at Warrenton.

In October, the committee will sponsor an annual auto show, which involves blocking off two streets near downtown and turning them into an outdoor showroom. For Halloween, The Astoria Has It group will join forces with the Astoria Jaycees and the chamber to promote a "haunted house" for local children.

The second annual shopping bag promotion also is scheduled for October. Last year it went over well enough to stimulate new memberships in the committee, "and I think this year we'll probably pick up some more (as a result) because it was so successful," Bradley says. The promotion involves inserting an overlarge brown shopping bag in a single day's edition of The Daily Astorian. The bag is printed with the names of participating merchants and shoppers are advised they can save 15 percent during the time the sale is in effect on all merchandise they can fit in the bag. For the Christmas season, the committee will organize a newspaper advertising insert so that downtown merchants can band together to attract shoppers, much like the various stores in shopping malls do.

Bradley says the committee will seek new members. It meets every other Tuesday morning.

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Chamber reaching out to reel in tourists

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

A tourism promotion campaign being conducted for the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce is reaching throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Chamber manager Jim Durham says attempts to bring visitors to the Sunset Empire already are well under way, though it is still mid-winter.

Those attempts include setting up booths at shopping mall promotions in nearby cities, advertising in regional daily newspapers and a West Coast magazine, and cooperative efforts with other Clatsop County — and Oregon Coast — chambers of commerce.

THE MAIL PROMOTIONS are "a good way for the committee to spend" its money, Durham says. That's a reference to the Committee to Promote Astoria, an arm of the chamber whose mission is to coax tourists to Oregon's northwest corner.

On the first weekend of the month, Astoria and Seaside chamber volunteers trekked to the Washington Square mall near Beaverton to set up a booth. "The whole theme was, 'visit the north Oregon Coast' — we're going to be doing that more and more," Durham says. Such joint efforts resemble the cooperation of Newport and Lincoln City chambers in promoting the concept of visiting the central coast.

At Washington Square, volunteers handed out brochures hawking our region's assets, including fliers about the upcoming second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival, and held a drawing for free weekends in Astoria and Seaside motels. The chambers recruited the prizes from three motels in each city, and they hope to rotate the duty among all area motels so that no single establishment gives away much lodging.



Durham says 2,654 signed up for the drawing. The booth also gave away free saltwater taffy supplied by Phillips Candy Kitchen of Seaside. "We found out there's more people from Seattle and the (Willamette) Valley who know about Phillips taffy than you can shake a stick at."

THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, former Astoria postmaster and state senator Dan Thiel, Seaside chamber manager Sue Folk and volunteer Judy Hughes operated a booth at a Seattle Center exhibition hall travel festival. (Seattle Center is the site of the Seattle World's Fair of 20 years ago.) "Dan is a really good ambassador for the town," Durham says.

On Friday night, a gathering of travel agents from around the Western states and western Canadian provinces toured the exhibition.

During the next two days, 20,000-22,000 people paid $2 50 apiece to see the booths. Chamber officials took advantage of all that traffic to repeat the motel drawing and taffy giveaway. The event came only a week after a news story about visiting Astoria during the winter had been published in the Seattle Times. The article was written by James Holman of The Daily Astorian and published as part of an exchange program involving eight Northwest newspapers. Many who stopped at the booth reported having read the article "and said, 'We're coming down,' " Durham says.

"IT WAS VERY effective," he says. So much so, in fact, that the booth ran out of printed materials before the exhibition shut down.

Another mail promotion is planned next month for the huge Northgate shopping center in Seattle, and a festival at Lancaster Mall in Salem may be yet another opportunity in April. Durham says the chamber "ambassadors" — the green-jacketed greeters' committee conceived by 1982 Chamber President Dale Collins — will be on hand at Northgate. The Northgate event comes just two weeks before the Crab Feed March 26-27 and "as big as it is, we need to get as much exposure as we can." Last year, about 4,700 paid their way into the former Barbey Packing Corp. warehouse on Astoria's waterfront and "it wasn't just a party for Astorians," Durham points out. Of those who signed up for a drawing at the Crab Feed, 56 percent came from as far away as Longview, Wash. — an hour's drive — or farther.

Dan Andriesian, organizer of the 1983 Crab Feed, "is being very conservative" when he projects attendance of 10,000, Durham says.

Speaking of the Crab Feed, the Committee to Promote Astoria's new advertising agency, McDonald, Babb & Clarkson of Portland, plans a media blitz next week to publicize it. Press releases will be sent to more than 500 radio and television stations and newspapers from Idaho to Eugene. The agency has arranged with a clipping service to determine how many of those press releases find their way into print. A scrapbook of those clippings will be maintained, Durham says.

Astoria tourism also will get a boost soon from the new "Astoria is for Explorers" ad campaign put together by McDonald, Babb & Clarkson. It will appear in Sunset magazine monthly beginning in April, featuring such attractions as the Flavel House Museum, the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the wreck of the Peter Iredale and the Astoria Column. The popular magazine has been running tourism-related ads from Astoria since last November, but without the theme and logo the ad agency has created. Durham says the ads cost about $45 a month. "There is no finer magazine — Newport (chamber officials) said they get far more responses out of Sunset than anywhere else," Durham says. The ads will run monthly through the end of 1983; they will ask potential visitors to write to the chamber for more information, using a keyed post office box number which tips off the chamber that it was the Sunset ad which brought about the nibble.

Chamber officials also are considering advertising through the agency in daily newspapers in Boise, Idaho; Spokane, Pasco, Yakima, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Olympia, Wash.; and Portland, Salem and Eugene.

"One of the things that's kind of interesting is that Astoria is better known in Seattle than in Salem or Eugene," Durham says. "People in Salem and Eugene, when they want to go to the coast, head due west to Newport."

Even so, the local chamber effort is intended to "complement rather than compete with" other stretches of the Oregon Coast.

MCDONALD, BABB & CLARKSON INC., which soon will go to work promoting Astoria's tourist attractions, has helped Far West Federal Savings win national awards for excellence in marketing.

The Portland advertising agency prepared the ads and other marketing materials that garnered Far West Federal the Savings Instutions Marketing Society of America awards. Of the top four national awards for 1982 granted to institutions with more than $1 billion in assets, the Portland-based thrift won three.

Far West has about $1.8 billion in assets and 61 offices in Oregon, including those in Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton and Clatskanie.

McDonald, Babb & Clarkson recently was designated by the Committee to Promote Astoria — an arm of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce — to conduct an ad campaign in the Portland area to promote Astoria's tourism industry.

Far West has won 13 awards from SIMSA in the last 10 years.

Far West was cited for the checking account campaign "Free checking — No fooling!" During the four-month campaign, more than 11,500 new accounts were opened. That campaign won second place. Far West also won two third places, one for "Everybody's IRA," to promote its Individual Retirement Accounts and one for "Cash Management Checking," an account combining money market rates with the convenience of checking accounts.

McDonald, Babb & Clarkson has been Far West's agency for more than 10 years. SIMSA Has more than 2,000 members.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

2-25-83

Knife stolen from museum

An "irreplaceable" antique Indian utility knife was stolen Sunday or Monday from the Columbia River Maritime Museum, 1792 Marine Drive, Astoria, according to a report made to police Thursday.

The knife, of the same type as those referred to in the journals of explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, was part of a traveling exhibit on loan from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History. It was part of a display on Northwest Indian culture.

Police said the thieves unscrewed the screws holding together a plexiglass display case to gain access to the knife, probably during museum visiting hours. Nothing else was reported missing from the museum.

The knife is brown, with a tarnished metal blade; the mid-section is wrapped. Officials said it is an "extremely rare" artifact and that it was the most important piece in the traveling exhibit.

Council agrees to sell building

2-23-83

Fire station museum proposed

By LESLEY FORNAS
Of The Daily Astorian

Astoria may become home to the first fire station museum in Oregon.

Clatsop County Historical Society members, who want to turn Astoria's Uppertown Fire Station into an exhibit hall, believe no such museum now exists in the state and say that may aid in development of the property.

City Council members agreed in principle Tuesday to the society's proposal to buy the three-story brick structure at 30th Street and Marine Drive for $1. However, final approval has been delayed until City Manager Dale Curry can draw up an agreement that would guarantee the 87-year-old building would revert to city ownership if the historical society failed to develop or maintain the building.

"Our whole object is preservation," Michael Foster, historical society president, told council members.

FOSTER SAID THE museum would house displays of fire equipment, including an 1888 hook and ladder truck, a 1915 Stutz fire engine owned by the city, a pictorial history of the 1922 fire that destroyed much of downtown Astoria, sleighs and wagons the society owns but hasn't been able to adequately display and artifacts from former local breweries. Although the building is best remembered as a fire station, it once housed the North Pacific Brewery, Foster told councilmen. It has been largely vacant for many years.

"We know this would be a daring and generous action, but we are convinced it is in the best short- and long-range interest of the city," the society's board of directors wrote in a letter to council members.

Councilwoman Nancy Merriman asked Foster whether the historical society had determined what it would cost to develop the property and whether it had the financial resources available to carry out the project.

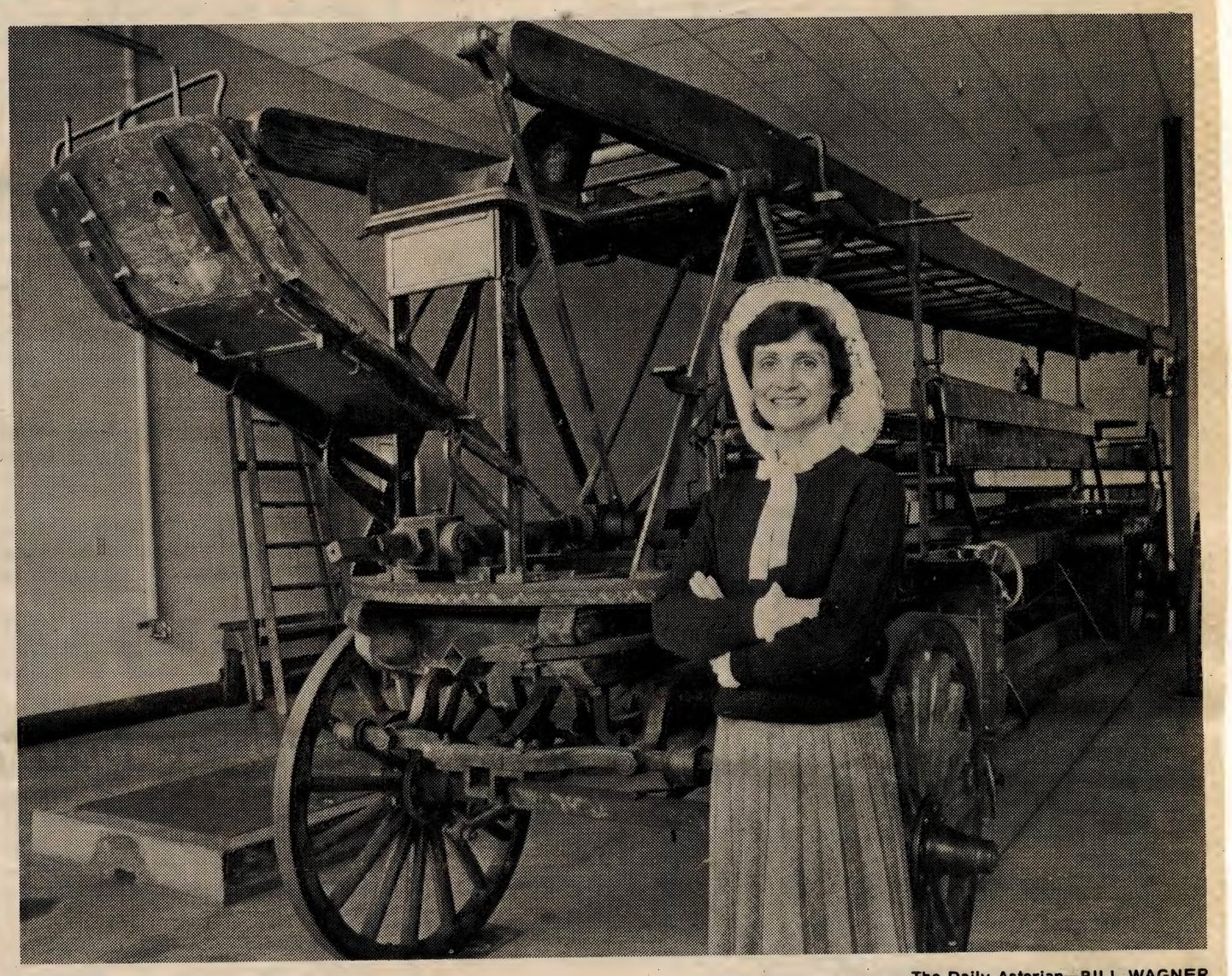
"IT WOULD TAKE a considerable amount of money to get to the degree we want," Foster replied. "We've looked into lots of figures and are confident we can get the funds to maintain a historic property."

In the letter to council members, the society's board suggested that creating a Friends of the Old Fire Station group, aided by current and retired firefighters, would attract membership throughout the Pacific Northwest. And historical society Administrator Aneta Englund told council members the organization is "very much alive" in the competition for a grant from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust, Oregon's largest private foundation. The foundation will announce its next batch of grant recipients May 1, she said.

In response to a question from Curry, Foster said the society doesn't foresee displacing the Astoria Gymnastics Association, which uses the third-floor gymnasium in the old fire station.

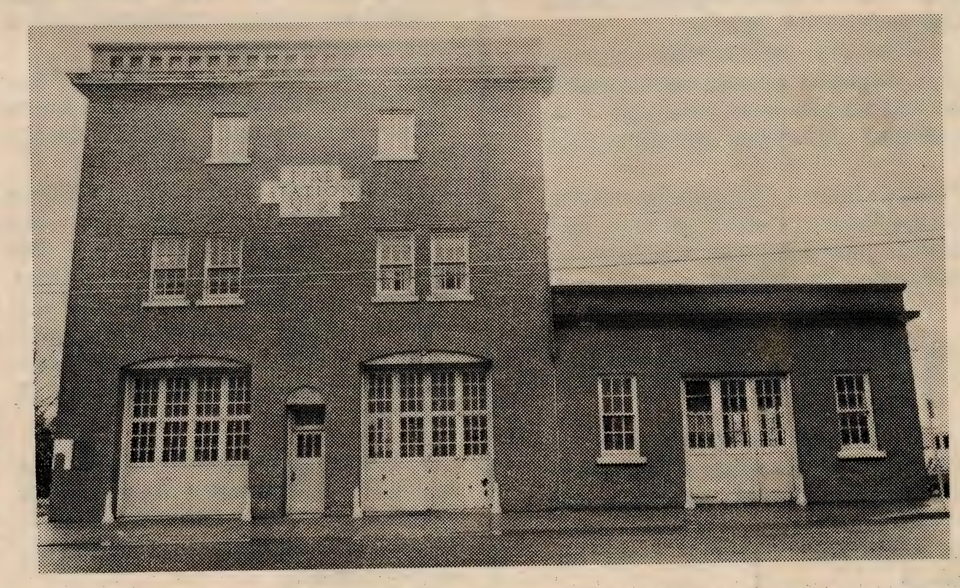
"Our main purpose now is to use the main floor," Foster said. "But we have to have the building to apply for grants."

Councilman Duncan Law seemed to speak for the council when he concluded that the historical society's proposal appeared to be "a good approach," particularly since tourism is becoming more important to Astoria and Clatsop County.



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Clatsop County Historical Society Administrator Aneta Englund, wearing an antique leather fire helmet from the horse-drawn hook and ladder fire truck behind her, hopes to display the 1888 vintage truck in a museum proposed for the Astoria Uppertown Fire Station.



The 87-year-old Astoria Uppertown Fire Station soon may be transformed into a museum.

IN OTHER ACTION Tuesday, council members:

—Heard the first and second readings of an ordinance that would require newly hired city employees to move within the city limits within 18 months of their employment. The ordinance also would require current city employees who live in the city to continue to do so. Current city employees who now live outside Astoria would be encouraged, but not required, by the ordinance to make an effort to move into the city. The ordinance also would require employees of the fire, police and public works departments to live within 15 minutes' driving time, at legal speeds, of the city limits and require those employees to have a telephone in their home. The final airing of the ordinance will be March 7.

—Approved adding the name of Linda Carol Puckett to the liquor license for the Triangle Tavern, 222 W. Marine Drive.

—Agreed to pay the Local Government Personnel Institute of Salem $4,173 for a job classification and pay study. The bill is $500 less than what the firm bid for the project.

—Agreed to pay $5,700 to SAIF Corp. to buy out city government's liabilities through June 30, 1982. That means SAIF will assume all city liabilities incurred before that date. The money will come from a $10,575 dividend city government received from SAIF.

—Heard the first and second readings of an ordinance that would make animal owners responsible for removing animal waste deposited by their animals on public walks, in recreation areas or on private property. The ordinance includes a penalty of $25 to $500. The final reading of the ordinance will be March 7.

Film at maritime museum

2-23-83

Cape Horn sailing trip featured

The only color motion picture ever shot of a square-rigged sailing ship rounding Cape Horn will be shown at the Columbia River Maritime Museum March 15.

Thomas Wells, noted marine artist from Seattle, signed on as an apprentice seaman for the four-masted bark Passat's 1938-39 voyage from Europe to Australia, returning via Cape Horn, Argentina.

The Passat, an all-steel, 350-foot ship built in Hamburg, Germany, in 1911 for the nitrate trade, survives as a national monument in Travemunde, Germany. Her name means "Trade Winds."

During the voyage, Wells shot about 600 feet of 16 millimeter film. That film, and photographs he took, inspired his paintings, which have brought him international recognition. The voyage earned him membership in the Association of International Cape Horners; his paintings have won him a place in Dictionary of Sea Painters and a position as fellow in the American Society of Marine Artists.

Wells will present "A Sailing Adventure Around the World," telling of the trip, in the Astoria museum's Great Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Although the presentation will be open to the public, a $1.50 admission fee will be charged those who aren't museum members.



"A Sailing Adventure Around the World" features the square-rigged sailing ship the Passat.

Trestle to be discussed

A representative of Burlington Northern Railroad will visit Astoria Thursday to dicuss the future of the railroad's Youngs Bay trestle.

Mike Holsteen, terminal superintendent for BN in Portland, will represent the company at a meeting at Port of Astoria offices, a company spokeswoman said. Port Executive Director Floyd Shelton said port representatives, Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Public Utility Commissioner's representatives also will be on hand. The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Shelton downplayed the significance of Thursday's meeting, saying it is one of a series between local officials and BN officials. In fact, Shelton said, he has discussed this matter with Richard Bressler, president of Burlington Northern Inc., the holding company which owns the railroad.

Last fall, BN put an "embargo" — an indefinite suspension — on the Youngs Bay trestle, citing concerns about its structural condition. That effectively halted rail service to Warrenton, threatening prospects for development of major industrial sites southwest of the bay.

2 local loggers honored

2/28/83

Two D & R Timber Co. loggers were honored Friday for their environmentally conscious work last spring near the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Gnat Creek Hatchery in Clatsop County.

Erland Fahlstrom and Don Brunner were lauded at an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon attended by about 80, including guest speaker Norma Paulus, Oregon secretary of state. Tom Scoggins, a forester for the Astoria district of the Oregon department of Forestry, noted they had received a department merit award.

The 63-acre logging job was particulary sensitive because of it its proximity to the hatchery, Scoggins explained. "Throughout the operation, the soils and the stream (nearby) were protected from damage," Scoggins said. The site was later slash-burned and this winter was reforested. The stream continues to provide clear water for fish, and the site, forage for deer and elk, Scoggins said.,

D & R Timber Co. is a subsidiary of Dant & Russell Inc., which owns the Warrenton Lumber Co. sawmill.

Ads continue to lure out-of-staters

2/28/83

More than half the out-of-staters who responded to Oregon travel advertisements said they visited the state last year, an Oregon Department of Transportation study indicates.

Despite poor economic conditions, 54 percent of those who returned readable survey forms said they came to Oregon after seeing state ads and receiving copies of "The Oregon Book," the state's official travel guide.

The share of ad respondents who eventually visit has been above 50 percent for five straight years, according to annual surveys performed by the Travel Information Section.

"We were pleased to see that percentage hold up this year," state Travel Director Shirley Eads said, "considering deteriorating economic conditions in our major visitor markets of California and Washington."

The campaign consisted of ads last March in 23 magazines, including Sunset, Motorland and West World, and distribution of photos and brochures of Oregon at 14 recreation trade shows in California, Arizona and Nevada.

In addition, an "emergency" ad campaign was undertaken last June as part of Gov. Vic Atiyeh's economic recovery program. In cooperation with businesses, the state government bought full-page ads for two consecutive Sundays in The Los Angeles Times, the Sacramento Bee, the San Jose Mercury-News, the San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle and the Seattle Times travel sections. In addition, the state helped sponsor telecasts of the Portland Rose Festival seen in 19 states and a series of 60-second commercials aired in the San Jose-Santa Clara County, Calif., market.

Surveys were conducted of those who had responded to the advertising blitz. Of the 22,656 questionnaires mailed, 7,717, or 34 percent, were completed and returned, mostly in response to the magazine ads.

According to the survey results, 65 percent of those who had responded to newspaper ads wound up vacationing in Oregon. For the Rose Festival telecast, the total was 51 percent; for the Santa Clara County commercials 55 percent and for the magazines 53 percent.

Among the magazine readers who visited Oregon, 57 percent visited the coast and 38 percent spent most of their time here. Sixty-five percent visited state parks; 63 percent considered Oregon their main destination.

Virtually all those surveyed who visited said they plan to return: 97 percent for all the groups except the travel show group, among which the percentage was 98.

Expenditures by magazine respondents averaged $639 per party per trip, up 4 percent from the 1981 figure.

2-24-83



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Historical jail

Ed Harvey this week placed this historical marker on the old Clatsop County Jail to denote the building's historical value.

The 69-year-old stucco-covered masonry structure at 732 Duane St., Astoria, served continuously as a jail from 1914 to 1976, when it was vacated after state officials ruled it wasn't adequate to house prisoners.

In November, the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation voted unanimously to nominate the old jail for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The register is the federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. No decision on the nomination has been announced.

Harvey, appointed by county commissioners to be Clatsop County's preservation officer, said he wants the lower portion of the old jail cleaned but left intact as a tourist attraction and the upper floor converted into a small law library and meeting place for lawyers. The building is adjacent to the Clatsop County Courthouse. It is owned by county government.

Harvey began the historical marker program about 20 years ago. He and his assistants, Jean Macdonald and Carol Seppa, work under the auspices of the Clatsop County Historical Committee, also appointed by county commissioners.

2/28/83

Paulus defends vote-by-mail plan

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Oregon's "education lobby" is its own worst enemy in opposing Secretary of State Norma Paulus' vote-by-mail proposals, she said in an Astoria speech Friday.

"I'm offended by having the people who are supposed to be educating our young people saying, 'You can have too much democracy,' " Mrs. Paulus said at an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon. "They're making the school boards and teachers appear ridiculous in the eyes of the public."

Mrs. Paulus favors mail balloting to save money, increase voter turnout and reduce the prospect of fraud, she said. The idea has been tried in California and in three 1982 special-district property tax levy elections in Oregon, none of them involving candidates.

IN ONE MAIL levy election in Albany, the voter turnout was an exceptional 79 percent of registered voters; the average for such non-primary, non-general elections in Oregon has been less than 30 percent, she said.

Mrs. Paulus, the state's chief elections officer for the last six years, made reference to Oregon School Boards Association and Oregon Education Association lobbying against voting by mail. (The OEA union represents most of the state's public elementary-secondary school teachers.) She said those two organizations are hurting themselves by assuming that a higher turnout means school levies are less likely to be approved.

She cited the Albany case, in which a school levy that had been rejected twice earlier in the year received voter approval in the mail election. The percentage of "no" voting was higher around the state in polling-place balloting than in mail balloting on one of the election dates, she said.

Mrs. Paulus said education establishment lobbyists are insincere in the arguments they have put forward this year opposing voting by mail. "The education lobby, quite bluntly and frankly, (favors retaining polling-place balloting because) they think . . . the ('no') vote will go up, (but) they are not saying that down there," in Salem.



Norma Paulus

Even if that assumption is correct, "that should not be a consideration — you should design the system for the voters," not the interests of the public agencies, Mrs. Paulus said.

AS FOR FRAUD, the Albany mail election resulted in the first voter fraud prosecution in Oregon she knows of, Mrs. Paulus said. Voting by mail shuts off the opportunity for imposters to forge signatures at the polling place, and her idea is to match each signature on a returned ballot against a signature in the polling book after elections workers get a handwriting analysis course.

The fraud case occurred "because we found out (one voter's) signature and her son's signature looked exactly the same," and officials determined the son was overseas at election time.

Refraining from providing return postage on voting envelopes has no apparent effect on participation, Mrs. Paulus said. Her very mention of the claim that husbands might force wives to cast mail ballots the way the husbands want provoked laughter from the crowd of about 80 at the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant. "You and I know better," she said.

Nor have fears about apartment house, nursing home or union hall coercion or bribery been borne out by experience with 450,000 ballots so far, she said. "I don't think that's going to happen — the penalty is very, very stiff . . . I'd hear about it."

MRS. PAULUS ALSO defended her proposal to more strictly regulate the expenditure of public funds on ballot measure campaigning after Astoria school Superintendent Jack McRae read her an Oregon School Boards Association critique of that bill.

The bill would "prohibit public employers from expending public funds for election purposes," it says, and it defines "public employers" to include organizations such as the OSEA, Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities. All of those are nominally private organizations, but all are funded substantially by members' dues supplied out of general fund revenues — in other words, the taxpayers money.

Gary Esgate, administrator of the Oregon Senate Local Government and Elections Committee staff, told The Daily Astorian Friday that the difficulty with the bill is "it's hard to know when you've crossed the line" betweeen informational efforts and politicking. (Politicking with the taxpayers' money already is illegal.) It would be up to the secretary of state herself to make the determination, he added.

Mrs. Paulus referred to an instance in Gresham last fall in which school officials had students, using school band instruments, ride downtown in a school bus using school gas during school time for a campaign parade against a property tax limitation measure. "Every time you do something like that, you add more people to Mr. Phillips' merry band of followers . . . he will win (eventually) and win big, because practically everybody in this room is going to vote with him" unless the Oregon Legislature resolves the school financing problem, Mrs. Paulus predicted.

Ray Phillips has three times unsuccessfully sponsored severe property tax limitation constitutional amendments.

The battle between the Republican secretary of state and the Democratic Party-oriented OEA has ironic overtones. Historically it has been the Democrats who have favored broadening the franchise and taking measures to boost voter participation; Republicans have argued that the public interest is served if only well-motivated voters make it to the polls.

ON OTHER MATTERS, Mrs. Paulus said:

— Her long-standing opposition to the sales tax is ebbing. "I thought it was regressive, but I am going to keep an open mind and might end up supporting it." Her audience should do the same; a referendum on some form of sales tax is "certain" this year. Sales tax proposals offered so far are intended to provide property tax relief; and

— The State Land Board is negotiating with two prospective tenants for its property on the east side of Tongue Point and hopes to land a deal with one by the end of March. She declined to identify either prospect. She "wouldn't have any reservations" about selling the site to the Port of Astoria "if you can come up with the money." The Land Board, which consists of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state, paid $2.1 million for the 43 acres of land and 105.7 of water in 1980; it has been largely unused since. "I think you can manage Tongue Point better than we can from Salem," she said.

3-1-83

Queen to be chosen June 17

Scandinavia festival court announced

Four Astoria women make up the 1983 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival court.

This year's festival royalty includes Miss Denmark Kim Davis, Miss Finland Julie Lampa, Miss Norway Brenda Helmersen and Miss Sweden Dixie Cunningham. They were formally introduced at a Monday meeting of the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association.

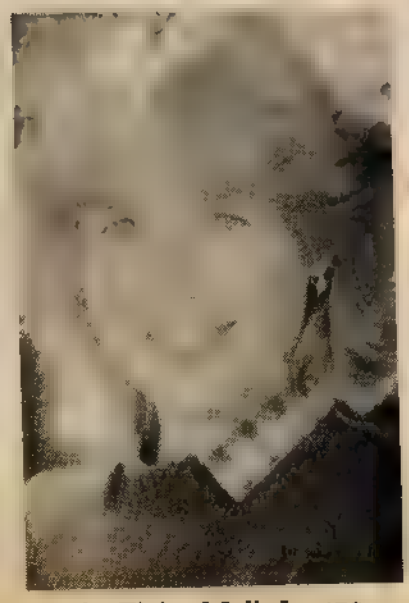
Miss Davis, 19, is a 1982 graduate of Astoria High School. She is a cook's assistant at Columbia Memorial Hospital and enjoys sailing, sewing and horseback riding in her spare time. She is the daughter of Ernie Davis of Astoria.

Miss Lampa is a 17-year-old senior at Astoria High School. She has been involved in student council, rally and Pepsters in school and works at the Astoria Dairy Queen. She plans to attend Western School of Floral Design in Portland. Miss Lampa is the daughter of Sandra Park and John Lampa of Astoria.

The Norwegian princess also is a 17-year-old Astoria High School senior. Miss Helmersen has been a member of Scandinavian dance groups for eight years and is a member of a teen-age Scandinavian dance team. She wants to find work in Alaska or Astoria after graduation from high school. She is the daughter of Merv and Kathy Helmersen of Astoria.



Miss Denmark Kim Davis



Miss Finland Julie Lampa



Miss Norway Brenda Helmersen



Miss Sweden Dixie Cunningham

Miss Cunningham, 18, is a full-time student at Clatsop Community College and works at Leon's in downtown Astoria. She is a graduate of Astoria High School and enjoys volleyball, jogging and the beach. After two years at Clatsop Community College, she plans to transfer to Western Oregon State College to receive her teaching certificate. She is the daughter of William and Betty Cunningham of Astoria.

The four-member court will preside at the June 17-19 festival. One of the four will be crowned Miss Scandinavia in a ceremony that opens the festival June 17.

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The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Junior court

Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival junior court members for 1983 are, clockwise from top left, Junior Miss Norway Greta Josephson, Junior Miss Denmark Emily Fisher, Crown Bearer Daniel Chamberlain, Junior Miss Sweden Rachel Peitsch and Junior Miss Finland Maja Liisa Osterholme.

The youngsters will be on parade during the June 17-20 festival and will help at the coronation of Miss Scandinavia June 17.

Miss Josephson is the daughter of Mike and Linda Josephson of Astoria. Parents of Miss Fisher are Don and Bonnie Fisher of Olney. Roy and Nancy Chamberlain of Astoria are the crown bearer's parents. The junior Swedish princess's parents are Ralph and Ann Peitsch of Svensen. Junior Miss Finland's parents are Nels and Judy Osterholme of the Youngs River area.

3-8-83

Meeting Scheduled Thursday — An Area Brief in Monday's edition of The Daily Astorian incorrectly reported the day of an organizational meeting for the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival, which will be held March 26-27 at the Port of Astoria Pier 3. The first meeting is Thursday at 7:30, the second March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the port commission meeting room, Pier 1. All who have plans to have booths at the festival must attend, says a spokesman for the organizers; information on schedules will be distributed. The newspaper regrets the error.

Tax group chief to speak

3-15-83

The executive director of the Oregon Taxpayers Association will be guest speaker at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce noon forum luncheon Thursday at the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant, 400 Industry St.

Terry Mattock has headed the 48-year-old group since 1979. He also serves as executive director of the Oregon Tax Foundation, a non-profit educational organization which disseminates reference material on public finance and fiscal policy.

The Salem-based Oregon Taxpayers Association is a non-partisan, non-profit group supported by businesses and taxpayers, organized to promote government efficiency.

Mattock formerly was director of federal affairs and assistant executive vice president of Tax Foundation Inc. of Washington, D.C., the national counterpart to the Oregon Tax Foundation. He also has been director of state affairs and assistant executive vice president of the California Taxpayers Association, one of the OTA's 32 sister organizations.

Mattock has a bachelor's degree in government and political science from California State University, Sacramento, and took graduate classes in public administration and law at the University of California at Davis.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the chamber office, 325-6311.

3/10/83

Better this way

Should residents of the Port of Astoria District bond themselves to purchase property at Tongue Point or should ownership of the property remain with the State Land Board?

Secretary of State Norma Paulus, speaking as a member of the Land Board, said here the other day that she wouldn't have any reservations about selling the property to the Port of Astoria "if you can come up with the money."

The Legislature authorized the Land Board two years ago to purchase surplus property at Tongue Point from General Services Administration for $2.1 million because it seemed to legislators to be an investment that would return handsome profits to the state's Common School Fund. It has not done that as yet but the Land Board is getting close to leasing some of the property to a tenant.

When the Legislature's Emergency Board authorized the Land Board to acquire the property the stipulation was attached that in the opinion of the Emergency Board the Common School Fund would realize maximum benefits if the Land Board leased the property rather than selling it.

That advice isn't binding on the Land Board but it isn't likely to be disregarded. The Land Board would have to weigh carefully the effect on the Common School Fund if approached by the Port of Astoria with a request to buy the property.

Residents of the port district would almost certainly reject a proposal that they bond themselves now to buy property at Tongue Point. Current economic conditions dictate that reaction. Those conditions will not be with us forever but it is difficult now to look about us and see beyond them.

On balance, this area seems likely to come off better by leaving it to the Land Board to market that property at Tongue Point. The board is under pressure to increase Common School Fund earnings and that bodes better for success than efforts by the Port of Astoria would.

Exploration Cruise Lines ship to make 29 calls here

3-17-83

The Great Rivers Explorer cruise ship will pay 29 visits to Astoria between May 16 and Oct. 10, Steve Felkins, acting manager of the Port of Astoria, told port commissioners Tuesday

This is the third year that the Seattle-based Exploration Cruise Lines vessel will stop in Astoria as part of its Columbia-Snake rivers cruises. Felkins told commissioners that a representative of the line had told him Astoria "is the second-most looked-forward-to stop on the river."

Each of the Great Rivers Explorer's visits is scheduled to last from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The 152-foot ship offers four-day, three-night cruises and seven-day, six-night cruises. All originate in Portland and sail downriver to Astoria the first day, reversing course the following day.

The longer cruise includes stops at Longview-Kelso, Wash., St. Helens, Portland, Vancouver, Wash., Cascade Locks, Hood River, The Dalles, Umatilla, Kennewick-Richland-Pasco, Wash., Clarkston, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho, with several side trips, including a jet boat trip to Hell's Canyon and a visit to Multnomah Falls. The shorter trip goes only as far as the John Day Dam.

In Astoria, the side trip consists of a visit to the Astoria Column, the Columbia River Maritime Museum and Fort Clatsop National Memorial and lunch in an Astoria restaurant.

The prices for the shorter cruise range from $449 to $724 per person double occupancy, depending on accommodations, a spokeswoman for the ship line said today. The longer trip costs from $999 to $1,549, per person double occupancy.

Felkins said the Great Rivers Explorer probably will bring almost as many people to Astoria this year as the Sitmar Cruises Fairsea, although it holds only about passengers compared with the Fairsea's 900-person capacity. The Fairsea is scheduled to call at the port five times this summer as part of its Alaska cruises.

The Great Rivers Explorer will visit May 16, 22, 28 and 31; June 6, 12, 18, 21 and 27; July 3, 9, 12, 18, 24 and 30; August 2, 8, 14, 20, 23 and 29; Sept. 4, 10, 13, 19 and 25, and Oct. 1, 4, and 10.

Exploration Cruise Lines vessels also call at Alaska, Canada, California, Mexico, Panama and Tahiti ports. The line is a division of Alaska Tour and Marketing Services Inc.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Port commission candidates to speak

Astoria's longshoremen and its business community each will have a chance in the next two weeks to hear and question the seven candidates for port of Astoria Commission. Two of the seven will be elected in the March 29 election to four-year terms which begin July 1.

Tonight at 7, candidates are due at the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local No. 50 hall near the port docks for a meeting with the approximately 100 members of the local. The meeting is closed to the public, said organizer Bob Bjaranson.

The public, however, may attend a special Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Forum luncheon at noon March 24 in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant. The League of Women Voters has organized the session. All candidates are being invited to attend; however, at least one, Gene Itzen, has said he will be out of town and plans to submit a written statement instead.

Itzen is running against Ted Bugas and Chuck Gros for a four-year at-large term on the five-member panel; the incumbent is Don Edy The other race, also for a four-year at-large term, pits incumbent Howard Johnson against Bob Filori, Capt. James Purcell and Jack Zimmerman.

Warrenton man named to port budget panel

3-17-83

Rod Gramson of Warrenton has been appointed to a three-year term on the Port of Astoria budget committee.

Port commissioners this week named Gramson, owner of Wadsworth Electric Co. of Astoria, to replace Dave Halmagyi, whose term on the 10-member panel expired Dec. 31. Halmagyi is an employee of the Brady-Hamilton Stevedore Co. who has been transferred to Portland.

The budget committee consists of the five elected commissioners and five Clatsop County residents they appoint. Budget committee members are expected to begin meeting this spring to work on a 1983-84 budget for the port.

Gramson spent eight years on the Warrenton City Commission, but he lost a bid for a third four-year term when George Cooper defeated him in the Nov. 2 general election. He has been active in civic affairs. His term will expire in December 1985.

3-21-83

Crab Feed Meeting — An organizational meeting for the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Port of Astoria Commission meeting room. The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce says attendance is required for everybody who plans to set up a booth at the festival Saturday and Sunday.

'Rainbow Ball' kicks off arts group's events

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

The New Horizon Arts Council is off and running.

The council, formed in October to produce summer theater in Astoria and to support the arts on the North Coast, will hold its first public event March 25. The "Rainbow Ball," being held in conjunction with the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival, will feature a 16-piece band playing music of the big band era, organizer George Phillips said.

The band is made up of North Coast musicians under the direction of Denny Thiel. Nancy Olson of Gearhart will be guest singer. The ball, which is on the first night of the seafood festival, will be held in the Astoria Elks Lodge ballroom at 11th and Exchange streets, beginning at 8. Tickets are $10 a person.

Money raised from the ball will go to support the council's summer repertory theater program. The council plans to produce three plays: "Man of La Mancha," June 30 and July 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10; "Prisoner of Second Avenue," July 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 24; and "Stop the World, I Want To Get Off," July 28, 29, 30, 31 and August 4, 5, 6 and 7.

The plays will be produced in cooperation with Clatsop Community College and performed at the college Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St., Astoria.

College board members recently approved an agreement with the council providing financial support for the summer program. The college will provide $3,000 toward theater director Del Corbett's salary and $1,800 toward dance instructor Prem Anugita's salary for the summer plays, as well as $1,000 for a music director. In addition, it will allow the council to use the Performing Arts Center, college scenery and costume shops and tools, the director's office, rehearsal and practice space, and some print shop services. New Horizon is to provide all other funds for the productions.

The first $7,300 in gate receipts is to be split evenly between the college and the council; beyond that all gate receipts go to the council.

New Horizon also has launched a membership drive, said Phillips, who is a business and economics instructor at the college. "We're committed. We're off the ground. We're very serious. We're trying to get across the idea that we're truly interested in boosting economic development in the area," he said.

That's one of the council's chief objectives, Phillips noted. With the North Coast's economy becoming more dependent on tourism, the summer repertory productions will complement the area's other events and attractions, he said.

The council executive committee consists of President Alice Stull; Vice President Michael Foster; Secretary Becky Connolly; Treasurer Betty Kadas Brown; and member-at-large Carl Abraham. Phillips, Carol Abraham, Kay and Evelyn Bredleau, Jean Collins and Maureen Sundstrom are members of the council's steering committee.

Tickets for the Rainbow Ball are available from Thiel's Music, the chamber or council members. For more information, call Jane Phillips, 325-0910, Ext. 317, Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Candidate Forum to feature Port

3-21-83

Candidates for the Port of Astoria Commission will speak and answer questions at a special forum luncheon at noon on Thursday, March 24. The luncheon is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce. All candidates have been invited to attend.

Ted Bugas, Chuck Gros, and Gene Itzen are running for the four-year at-large term now held by the incumbent Don Edy. The other race, also a four-year at-large term, includes the Incumbent Howard Johnson, against Bob Filori, Capt. James Purcell and Jack Zimmerman.

The luncheon, which is open to the public, will be held in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare Restaurant. Reservations for lunch can be made by calling the chamber office, 325-6311, or in Seaside at 738-6391.

Crab feed exhibitors meet Thurs.

An organizational meeting for the second Annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival will be held on Thursday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m., in the commission room at the Port of Astoria. There are now over 100 booths planned for the festival. All those who are planning to have a booth at the festival should attend this meeting. Information on schedules and booth location will be distributed Thursday evening.

3-30-83



"Get cracking with Oregon Dungeness Crab" read the brightly lettered display board at Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission's booth at the Astoria Crab Festival that was held at Pier 3.



See our balloons? The children, as well as adults delighted in the various crab festival attractions. 12,000 people attended the two day festival on Saturday, and Sunday's crowd surpassed the 3,000 mark.



The Daily Astorian—BEN SILVERMAN

Architect Tom Potter, center, who designed the People Places waterfront development just west of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, met with Don Budde, far left, people places committee chairman, and other volunteers to plan a strategy for construction.

Second 'People Place' to start

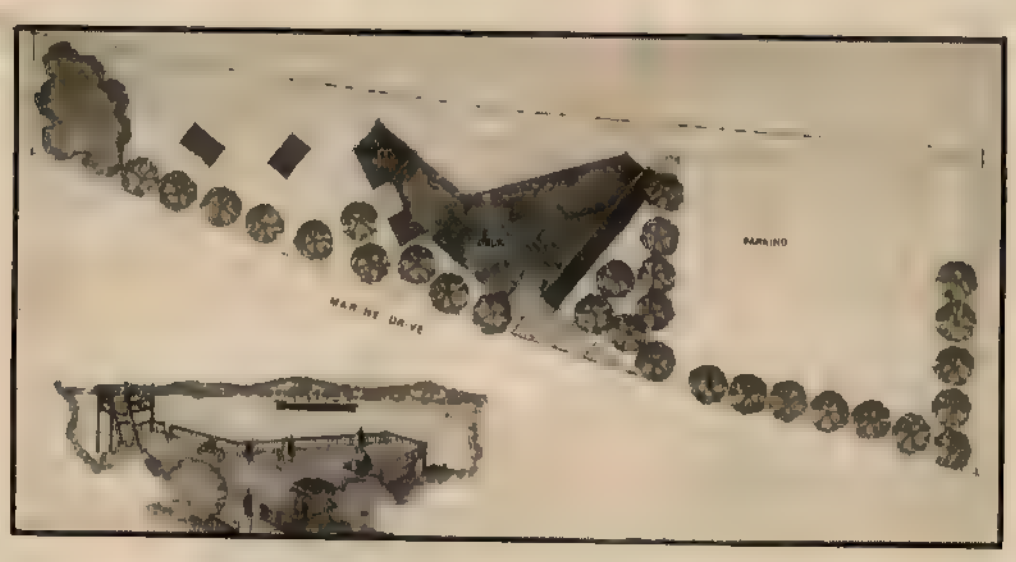
Construction is expected to start soon on the "People Places" waterfront development site just west of the new Columbia River Maritime Museum building, committee Chairman Don Budde says.

The People Places project calls for developing several Columbia River viewing areas along the Astoria waterfront between the Port of Astoria piers and the museum. The first, a viewing stand at Pier 1 at the port, was completed in 1982.

The Astoria Rotary Club has donated $7,800 to make the newest development possible. A viewing stand complete with crow's nest and parking lot will be built on an empty lot between 15th and 16th streets immediately north of Marine Drive.

Tuesday, Budde met on the site with Col. Don Summers of the Oregon National Guard, which has offered to donate excavation work; Ted Thompson, physical plant manager of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, which has offered to have its students help with landscap-

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The People Places site will have a wooden platform and crow's nest from which to watch ship traffic on the Columbia River, and a parking lot.

Viewing

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ing; Bob Thompson, center operations coordinator for the Job Corps center; Tom Potter, the Astoria architect who donated his services to design the development; Leland Westly, a retired builder who has agreed to supervise construction; and Roy Hammond, former chairman of the People Places project who is retired manager of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, to look over the drawings and discuss construction.

The irregularly-shaped parcel of land is owned by the Astoria city government, which has agreed to let the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce use it free for the People Places development.



4-1-83

The Daily Astorian—BEN SILVERMAN

Easter Bunny in town

Kids like Michele Thompson will have fun lifting candy Easter eggs from the basket of Easter Bunny Sue Tadei, left, this afternoon and Saturday at 48 Astoria businesses.

The 48 are members of the Astoria Has It Committee, whose president, Bob Bradley, center, says businesses that plan to be closed Saturday have scheduled visits from the Easter Bunny this afternoon.

Miss Tadei is a junior at Astoria High School; Bradley is manager of the Astoria Safeway store.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF 4/6/83

Convention center manager selected

SEASIDE — Greg L. Thompson, 34, is the new manager of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. He was selected from among 72 applicants for the job.

Thompson will begin May 2. He will be paid $21,500 a year. He replaces Judhi Chopping, who resigned from the post she has held for eight years.

Thompson is director of programs and operations for the Green Valley Recreation Center in Green Valley, Ariz. He had held that position for 2½ years. Green Valley is a retirement community in southern Arizona near Tucson.

As director of the center there, Thompson oversees the operation of three auditoriums, eight swimming pools, five satellite centers, three tennis centers and six shuffleboard courts, Ms. Chopping said.

For two years, Thompson was coordinator for the Center Arizona Association of Governments.

He worked for the city of Tulsa, Okla., from 1972 to 1978 as a concession manager, recreation center director and community school director

A native of Oklahoma, Thompson recieved his bachelor of arts degree in sociology, with a major in community development, from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF 4-1183

37 applicants seek port manager's job

Thirty-seven men have applied to become manager of the Port of Astoria. The application deadline passed Thursday.

The new manager will replace former Executive Director Floyd Shelton, who resigned Feb. 22 and received port commissioners' authorization to leave office Feb. 25.

At a special meeting Feb. 24, commissioners decided to begin the search for a new manager immediately. Advertisements subsequently were placed in this newspaper; The Oregonian, a Portland daily with regional circulation; The Daily Journal of Commerce, a Portland business daily; the Marine Digest, a semi-weekly magazine; the Shipping News, a daily newspaper; the American Association of Port Authorities newsletter, and the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association monthly newsletter. A notice also appeared in the Oregon Public Ports Association newsletter.

Since Shelton left, Steve Felkins, deputy director for operations, has been acting manager; he is the only remaining member of Shelton's five-person administrative team.

Port Commission Chairman Nick Zafiratos is on vacation, and no meeting of the port commission is scheduled until April 12. However, Zafiratos is due back by Monday and is expected to call a special meeting soon for commissioners to review applications.

Several of the applicants are from as far away as the East Coast, port office manager Evelyn Bredleau said today.

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Compliments, complaints

The second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed has come and gone, and as always after an event like this there are comments to be made about how well or badly things went, people to be complimented or criticized, and suggestions for how to do it better next time.

First the compliments. The man in the red coveralls, I think his name was Dan, who coordinated the setting up of the booths, did an excellent job moving people in and out and keeping us out of each other's way and in spite of the long hours he worked and the chaos around him, he only lost his cool once. Thanks to the Port of Astoria for the extra lumber it supplied. The Astoria Police Department deserves a round of applause for setting up the traffic lanes in and out and the Pacific Power & Light crew deserves a round on the house for a seemingly impossible job of wiring everything up so it worked.

Next, the criticism. Everybody managed to get in and out of the parking lot in spite of the traffic control personnel and there were some incidences of surliness on the part of the security people that were unnecessary. I realize that it was a hectic, hair-pulling job that they were doing, but it's also a job that requires an even disposition, and if you don't have the temperament, don't take the job.

Finally, the complaint. We were not allowed to take a cup of beer out of the beer garden. A person could walk around wherever he wanted to go with a bottle of wine in each pocket and one in each hand, but he couldn't sit down and enjoy the band and a cup of beer. Is this because wine drinkers are connoisseurs and beer drinkers are just slobs? Apparently not. As it was explained to me, the reason was because the Rotary Club insisted on a separate liquor permit, therefore making it a violation of OLCC rules to leave the premises of the beer garden with an open container.

Now, if I understand OLCC rules correctly, it is also a violation to enter the premises with an open container, therefore the people who came into the beer garden with glasses of wine were also in violation of the rules, as was the Rotary Club for allowing them to do so. Or, if that's a misunderstanding of the regulations on my part, it seems that by walking into the beer garden with a glass of wine, one would be leaving the premises, the main exhibition hall, with an open container, the same crime as leaving the beer garden area with a flagon of suds.

Whatever their motivation, it appears to have been a case of selective enforcement of the law on the part of the Rotary Club, and I hope that next year the beer concession is awarded to someone who is willing to cooperate with the rest of the exhibitors and will be there to sell beer.

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Shelton, West named to panel

4-11-83

Floyd Shelton, former Port of Astoria executive director, and Capt. Martin E. West, Columbia River bar pilot and former Port of Astoria commissioner, have been reappointed to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Maritime Affairs.

The 24-member committee appointed by Gov. Vic Atiyeh evaluates and reports on matters pertaining to the maritime industry in Oregon. The committee also is responsible for making recommendations to the governor on state government policy to improve and develop the industry in the state.

Shelton and West will serve two-year terms on the committee.

Magazine features Astoria

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An article about Astoria is included in the April issue of a travel magazine with a circulation of about 1 million copies.

The article by Heather Lockman, called "Astoria/Rich history and handsome old houses," is published in Travel & Leisure magazine. The magazine is published by American Express, the financial and travel services firm, which says it is intended for "the classiest of the class."

The article includes a stylized line drawing of the Astoria waterfront by John Segal, showing the Flavel House Museum, the Astoria Column and a gaggle of houses with "gingerbread" facades. It discusses Astoria's early history and its main tourist attractions — the column, the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Flavel house, the wreck of the Peter Iredale, its Victorian home district along Franklin and Grand avenues, and the Fort Astoria and Fort Clatsop replicas.

Sen. Hanlon forum speaker

4-19-83

State Sen. Charles Hanlon will be the guest speaker at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's luncheon forum Friday.

Hanlon, chairman of the Senate Revenue Committee, is expected to discuss issues before the 1983 Legislature, including taxation and forestry matters.

The noon forum will be held in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant. For reservations, call the chamber office, 325-6311.

Hanlon is a Washington County Democrat serving his third four-year term in the Senate. His legislative district includes all of Clatsop and Columbia counties and part of Washington County.

Pier 3 parking lot would make a good recreational vehicle park

4/13/83

Among the thousands that visited the Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival recently were many recreational vehicles that found the paved lot west of Pier 3 an excellent camping place. The Port of Astoria could make some extra money and aid the local tourist industry this summer if it rented that lot to self-contained campers.

At present there is no shipping demand for the lot that was built to be a container yard and formerly used as a log sorting yard for the now-defunct TAT. The port, without a great deal of trouble or expenditure, could make the western edge of the paved area available to RVs this summer. Campers normally turned away by the overflow at Ft. Stevens could stay in the local area and their tourist dollars would be left behind.

It is really quite a nice site with its unrestricted view of Youngs Bay and the mouth of the Columbia River. It would benefit Astoria merchants to have those tourists situated closer to town. The city of Astoria maintains a sanitary disposal facility for RVs at the end of Smith Point, and that would be plenty close to handle the traffic generated by use of the Port lot as a campground.

The Port of Kalama operates a successful RV park near its port facility upriver. They built a park with full hookups, but also rent to self-contained units for $5 a night. Self-contained units are what the Port of Astoria should rent to avoid high start-up costs and also keep the facility available for future shipping demand. The port also might be interested in making portions of the Pier 3 warehouse available for winter storage rentals for RVs.

If the Port could devise a system of camping spot rental that wouldn't consume too much staff time, the Pier 3 paved lot could generate some needed cash for the port and help meet a local need for larger tourist facilities. **B.C.A.**

'Blending roles' clinic Tuesday at country club

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Clatsop Community College and the Astoria and Seaside chambers of commerce are cosponsoring a workshop Tuesday called "Blending Roles: Business, Home and Community."

The presentation, aimed at business and professional women, will be given by Carolyn Gaundry, the first female vice president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.



Carolyn Gaundry

Ms. Gaundry is co-owner and operator of Carbon Dioxide Inc., a small business that sells fire extinguishers and the like. In July 1981, she was one of 35 people invited to the White House by President Reagan to discuss the problems of small businesses.

The presentation will be noon to 2 p.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. A $6 fee includes lunch and tip. Reservations may be made through either chamber of commerce, 325-6311 or 738-6391.

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Broadway project

Grand opening celebration set

SEASIDE — A full day of activities is planned for the grand opening celebration of the $1 million Broadway Improvement Project here Saturday, May 7.

The celebration begins at 10 a.m. with the opening of a citywide sidewalk sale by Seaside merchants and the dedication of a new flag pole at the Seaside Chamber of Commerce building by Seaside American Legion Post 99.

Addresses by city government officials including Mayor Joyce Williams and Seaside Improvement Commission Chairman and City Councilman Bob Miller will begin at 10:30 a.m. near City Hall. Also on hand will be Wayne Wolfe of the Oregon Department of Economic Development.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the intersection of Broadway and Roosevelt Drive. Also scheduled at 11 a.m. is a flyover by Oregon Air National Guard planes.

A parade down Broadway will begin following the ribbon cutting.

At 2 p.m., a seafood dinner featuring baked salmon and steamed clams will be offered at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. Tickets are $4.95 and are available at the chamber of commerce office.

A Corvette and hot rod display featuring over 100 cars will be staged in the parking lot of the convention center from noon to 5 p.m. Car clubs from around the Pacific Northwest will be represented. The show climaxes at 5:30 p.m. with a cruise down Broadway to the Turnaround.

Live entertainment will be offered throughout the day at a tent adjacent to Legg's Pharmacy, near the convention center. A country and western band from McChord Air Force Base, near Tacoma, Wash., will be featured.

In the evening, a beer garden and street dance will be held in the tent and surrounding parking lot. Food booths also will be situated in the tent area.

Times for some events haven't yet been set. Call the chamber of commerce office, 738-6391, for more information.

Herbicide ban 4-25-83

Watershed zone hearing Tuesday

A controversial watershed protection overlay zone proposal will be considered Tuesday by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners.

The proposed zoning ordinance, to be discussed in a 7 p.m. public hearing at the Clatsop County Courthouse in Astoria, would restrict forest management practices in designated watersheds.

If approved by county commissioners, it would prohibit application of herbicides by any means within 198 feet of a continuously flowing stream and within 66 feet of an intermittent stream. Outside those buffer zones, herbicide application could be by hand spraying only, not by aerial spraying. Foresters apply those chemicals to control growth of brush that chokes out seedlings and slows reforestation.

Clear-cutting would be forbidden in watersheds and most other forestry practices, such as selective logging and pre-commercial thinning, would be conditional uses prevented within specified distances of streams.

The ordinance would make road building and repair, bridge building and repair, culvert installation, log skidding and mining, quarrying and drilling conditional-use practices that couldn't be authorized unless a public hearing was held first.

The ordinance was proposed by the Falcon Cove Beach Water District and generally is supported by other small water districts and organizations like the Organized Citizens for Environmental Action Now. Opponents of the ordinance include wood products companies, the state Department of Forestry, the Clatsop Economic Development Committee and the North Coast Home Builders Association.

Those who oppose the ordinance believe logging practices are adequately managed under the Oregon Forest Practices Act. Ordinance supporters claim the state allows loggers too much leeway in clear-cutting, road building and aerial spraying of chemicals near streams. They contend the proposed ordinance would guarantee at least some citizen involvement in forest practices decisions.

The Clatsop County Planning Commission, which spent several weeks considering the proposed ordinance, made no recommendation to the county commissioners, in large part because three planning commission members removed themselves from the decision-making process because of potential conflicts of interest.

Tuesday's hearing will be in the circuit court room at the courthouse.

County can't form watershed zone 4-27-83

The Clatsop County Commission learned last week it probably does not have jurisdiction to create a controversial watershed protection overlay zone.

Commission chairman Roger Berg last week received a letter from State Forester Mike Miller which contained a state Attorney General's opinion that the county does not have jurisdiction.

The opinion found that the overlay zone would be local interference with state legislation. The Forest Practices Act is legislation that supersedes any local zoning restriction, in lands zoned for forest use, the opinion found.

A 7 p.m. hearing on Tuesday, April 26, is likely to be cut short because of the opinion, commissioner Berg said. The preliminary steps of every hearing require a governing body to first consider whether it has jurisdiction in the matter.

Berg said the effect of the opinion was to prevent the county from ever enacting a watershed zone. County planner Curt Schneider agreed that the ordinance request as currently formulated could not be considered.

The zone would have regulated application of herbicides and clearcutting within a watershed. It was requested by the Falcon Cove Beach Water District and is supported by other water districts and environmental groups.

The zone is opposed by woods products companies, and the state Dept. of Forestry.

The Clatsop County Planning Commission spent several weeks considering the proposed ordinance, but made no recommendation to commissioners after three members removed themselves from voting because of a potential conflict of interest.

April 27, 1983

Sternwheeler launching marks return of an era



Courtesy of the Oregonian - Photo by Sam Foster

The Lurdine was launched last Saturday into the John Day river, after being lifted over the dike from the shed where it was built. Builder John Hendrickson was four years in constructing the stern-wheeler, which he plans to operate as a tourist vessel on the Columbia river this summer.

The era of paddle-wheel riverboats returned to the Columbia river last Saturday with the launching of the 65-foot Lurdine.

John Hendrickson saw his large passenger stern-wheeler splash eagerly into the John Day River after the brake on the 50-ton crane slipped. The boat weathered the accident and Hendrickson plans to operate it as a tour boat this summer.

Hendrickson built most of the boat single-handedly over four years. His boatyard was a shed on his place along the John Day river, which he tore down when he was ready to launch.

Two tractors nudged the vessel to the river dike where a barge-mounted 50-ton crane lifted it stern first into the river.

The vessel is named after two stern-wheelers of the late 1800s, the Lurline and Undine.

Hendrickson plans to finish the vessel, including the construction of a smokestack, in time for the tourist season. He anticipates carrying 49 passengers.

Compromise tourism plan is unveiled

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A compromise plan aimed at boosting Oregon's tourism industry was unveiled Wednesday by tourism officials and a representative of Gov. Vic Atiyeh's office.

The proposal presented to the Oregon Senate Transportation and Tourism Committee calls for creating a new state Tourism Division and placing it under the Oregon Department of Economic Development.

The plan, which now is only in draft form, also would set up a nine-member council made up of tourism industry officials who would advise the division and draw up a marketing plan for Oregon tourism.

Charles Hales, representing the Travel Industry Council of Oregon, a coalition of 12 travel-industry organizations, said tourism lobbyists and officials from Atiyeh's office worked out the plan.

Drawn up from four separate bills, the compromise is aimed at consolidating efforts to boost tourism while giving both government and tourism-industry officials a hand in the task, Hales said.

Right now, promotion of Oregon tourism lacks direction because the job is handled by "little programs scattered around" various agencies, he said

With the compromise proposal, Oregon would be "well equipped" to compete with other states for tourism business, Hales said.

Gerry Thompson, the governor's executive assistant, said Atiyeh backs the plan because anything that can help promote tourism adds to the state's economic base.

Sen. Clifford Trow, D-Corvallis, a member of the committee, said he thinks it's a mistake not to put tourism and state parks together under the plan because parks are a key part of the tourism industry.

But Hales said tourism officials and the governor's office decided to keep the two things separate out of concern that parks would "end up being the big item and everything else would be pushed to the side."

5-10-83

AIDCO board of directors selects Collins chairman

Dale Collins, Astoria-area manager for Pacific Power & Light Co., is the 1983-84 president of the Astoria Industrial Development Corp.

Collins was elected by his fellow board members after shareholders chose a nine-member board Thursday at their annual meeting.

AIDCO, a 25-year-old organization, was formed to help Astoria businesses raise capital for expansion. Its first loan in 1958 went to Bioproducts Inc., the Warrenton animal byproducts processing firm. AIDCO takes no equity positions in the companies it helps.

Collins, formerly vice president, replaces Bob Lovell, president of Lovell Auto Co. of Astoria, as head of AIDCO. Lovell remains a board member. Mike Anderson, who also was re-elected to the board, is the new vice president. Gale Packard was re-elected secretary and Fred Barnum was re-elected treasurer Other re-elected board members are Bob MacDonald, Jim Durham and Don Mitchell. The one new board member is Jerry Newenhof of City Lumber Co. of Astoria. He replaces retired banker Erling Orwick, who stepped down from the board.



Dale Collins

Other than electing a board, AIDCO's approximately 350 shareholders had little business to conduct Thursday. That was because about three-quarters of the corporations's $29,865 in assets is on loan to Rainbow Creations Inc. AIDCO made the loan to Rainbow to help the company get back on its feet after a disastrous fire at the Rainbow plant in Astoria in August 1981. Rainbow has since moved to the Port of Astoria Airport in Warrenton.

If Rainbow receives an Oregon community development loan fund $300,000 grant it has applied for this year, Lovell said he hopes the balance of the loan will be repaid immediately. The original term of the loan was seven years, but if it is repaid ahead of schedule, AIDCO would have money on hand to help another North Coast business.

AIDCO has 1,511 share outstanding and has redeemed others at $15 apiece, up from the $10 original issue price, Lovell said. No dividends are paid.

The high point of Thursday's meeting may have been the cherry ice cream served courtesy of Warrenton businessman Hal Allen. The ice cream, made at the Tillamook County Creamery Association, used Bing cherries preserved under a patented process that might lead to a commercial venture.

Lyle Anderson of Warrenton, retired Bioproducts chemist, and Allen developed the process, which allows the cherries to retain their natural color and flavor. Allen obtains his cherries from the mid-Columbia region, a renowned cherry-growing area.

For revenue-sharing funding

Senior center top priority

By LESLEY FORNAS
Of The Daily Astorian

Restoration of the Astoria Column mural, a new facility for the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce and a senior citizens center are the top priorities for Astoria city government's 1983-84 federal revenue-sharing money.

City officials estimate $501,500 will be available to the city in 1983-84 in federal revenue-sharing money, including money to be carried over from this year. Of that, city budget committee members voted Thursday to allocate $200,000 toward a senior citizens center, $125,000 to a new building for the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, $75,000 to pay for restoration of the column mural, $26,000 to buy a ladder truck for the public works department and $10,000 to replace the ceiling and light fixtures on the third floor of City Hall. Budget committee members voted to leave $65,500 of the revenue-sharing money undesignated.

The senior citizens center and chamber building generated the most discussion among budget committee members, who noted both projects were important to the community.

Budget committee members allocated $170,000 in federal revenue-sharing money in 1982-83 for a senior citizens center, but that money hasn't been used and will be carried over into 1983-84. The $200,000 allocated for 1983-84 will be put into a separate fund so that it will remain designated for a senior citizens center even if the project doesn't get started in 1983-84, budget committee members decided. The $200,000 is the total amount set aside for a senior citizens center; the $170,000 won't be added to it.

Mayor Edith Henningsgaard's concerns that $200,000 wouldn't be enough money to establish a senior citizens center were abated when City Manager Dale Curry told her that other funds might be available for the project if something were to be done in 1983-84.

The money allocated for the chamber building also will be put into a separate fund and will have "strings" attached, budget committee members said. A special committee, including chamber representatives and representatives of the City Council, will be appointed to oversee the project.

"It's not a freebie. They've got to work for it," city councilman and budget committee member Skip Hauke said. He said it may not be an outright grant; the city may buy or build a facility and lease it to the chamber.

"Our No. 1 industry right now, whether we like it or not, is tourism," Hauke said. "And we haven't got anything here for them. The chamber is in a bad spot (at the Port of Astoria) and we need to give them the tools to work with. If we can't get them (tourists) to stop, we're not going to get them to stay."

Hauke said donated materials and labor, such as has been used in similar projects in Seaside and Tillamook, may help cut the cost of a new chamber building. Budget committee member Dale Collins, who suggested the study committee, said the chamber building would be a multi-purpose facility with a public meeting room available to other community groups.

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The "Up With People" cast includes 110 people from 14 countries.

Up With People coming to town

A widely varied musical program will be performed in Astoria May 15 when the 1983-84 Up With People Show comes to town.

The Daily Astorian and Astoria radio stations KAST and KBKN are sponsoring the two-hour musical presentation by a cast of 110 young men and women from 14 countries.

Up With People's music is a combination of popular medleys and original compositions, energetically performed by the talented cast and band. The choreography is non-stop and finds its way from the stage into the aisles.

Throughout the show, the cast takes the audience on a musical journey of the world. Whether swinging arm in arm at the Belgian beer garden, enjoying a Swedish ox dance or being pulled into a Brazilian samba line, the Up With People show offers the excitement of a global tour without the jet lag.

There's music for almost every taste and age, from Renaissance and modern classic to the GoGo's and Kool and the Gang.

In a medley from the 1950s the stage is transformed into a high school gymnasium for the junior-senior prom when girls in their gowns and guys in their tuxes hop and swing to the music of Tony Bennett, the Cordetts and Bill Haley and the Comets.

Some of the old Up With People favorites are there too, including the group's theme song "Up With People!" and the poignant ballad of a little boy's curiosity about equality, "What Color Is God's Skin?"

High-tech society meets its musical future when "Robbie Robot" and his back-up trio the Transisters, make their escape from a factory assembly line to the Up With People stage.

Up With People has been seen live in concert by more than 8 million people in 47 countries. They have performed at three Super Bowl halftimes, with the Boston Pops and 10 other orchestras at the 1982 World's Fair and in world settings from Peking to Warsaw.

The group's North Coast performance will be at 3 p.m. in the Astoria High School auditorium.

Tickets are $5 for students and senior citizens, $7 for adults and $9 for reserved seating. They may be purchased at Thiel's Music Centers in Astoria and Seaside, the KAST/KBKN office in Astoria, The Daily Astorian, Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce and the Radio Shack in Warrenton.

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Clamming, bottom fishing license fees considered

Oregon clam diggers and bottom fish anglers would be required to pay a $5 license fee if a bill now before the Oregon Senate is approved.

A full Senate vote on the bill, introduced at the request of the Izaak Walton League, was scheduled for today. The Izaak Walton League is a national wildlife and conservation organization.

Money raised from the license fees would be used for research on shellfish and bottom fish.

In Washington, residents ages 16 to 64 are required to purchase a $2.50 license to dig razor clams. No license is required to dig other clam species, or to angle for bottom fish. Non-residents are required to purchase a $10 license to dig razor clams.

State Sen. Charles Hanlon, D-Mountaindale, told The Daily Astorian Wednesday that he is leading an effort to have the bill re-referred to the Joint Ways and Means Committee because fiscal effects haven't been reviewed.

Hanlon said that if his effort to have the bill re-referred fails, he will try to block the bill on the Senate floor.

5-13-83

College observes 25th anniversary

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Clatsop Community College threw itself a party here Thursday, celebrating 25 years of providing higher education on the North Coast.

The anniversary banquet in the Seaside Civic and Convention Center drew about 225 people, including the college's founding president, Dick Boss, and his successor, Stewart McCollom. Current college President Phil Bainer presented Boss a special award, a gold pin in the form of the college's logo, with a diamond. The pin is the first 25-year service award the college has given.

Bainer noted that, while many people played a role in the founding of the two-year Astoria college, none had contributed as much as Boss. When the college was established in August 1958 as a continuing education program through the Astoria School District, Boss was hired as its first director. He expanded the program to include vocational-technical classes, general education classes and college transfer courses.

Boss became the college's first president in February 1962 and continued in that job until July 1966, when he resigned to complete his doctorate. He now is coordinator of Southern Illinois University's vocational education courses at McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Wash.

McCollum was the college's second president, serving until 1970. He now is developmental officer for St. Mary's High School in Medford.

McCollom and Vera Whitney Gault, a former Clatsop Community College instructor who wrote a brief history of the college for the anniversary, also were presented gifts in recognition of their contributions to the college.

Among those attending the banquet were Bob Lovell, a member of the Astoria School Board at the time Boss was hired and later an economics instructor at the college, and two members of the original college board, Richard Gerttula and Richard Schroeder.

The audience included about 20 former staff members, a half dozen former college board members and about 40 former students.

Keynote speaker was Douglas Strain, founder and chairman of the board of Electro-Scientific Industries in Beaverton. Strain spoke about the coming age of "intellectronics" and the effect high technology and computers will have on the world in the next two decades. Jim Hogan, assistant to the president, was master of ceremonies.

The college held an informal open house on campus today.

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'Gingerbread house' will serve as tourist center

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Retail Merchants Committee's "gingerbread house," a fixture downtown during the Christmas season, is moving uptown for the summer. The December headquarters for Santa Claus will serve as an east Astoria tourist information center.

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce has arranged for the trailer-mounted structure to be installed on a small parcel near Hauke's Sentry Market, 3300 Leif Erikson Drive. Supermarket owner Skip Hauke has agreed to charge no rent for the parcel, to allow tourists to use his supermarket parking lot and to landscape the surroundings. Chamber manager Jim Durham is working on lining up the Tongue Point Job Corps Center carpentry class to erect skirting around the trailer to improve its looks.

The only big problem left is finding people to man the center, which will serve tourists who come to Astoria via Highway 30.

The chamber of commerce has no money to pay staff members to set up shop in the gingerbread house, so it will rely on volunteers, Durham says. Anybody who is interested in volunteering may contact him at the chamber office, 325-6311. Durham says it may be possible to keep the center open on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The new tourist center will have information about restaurants, motels and tourist attractions. But the chamber stands to gain more from the satellite tourist center than just the direct promotion of tourism, Durham says.

The chamber has long been concerned about the visibility of its existing headquarters on the ground floor at Port of Astoria Pier 1. It gets the space and utilities free, except telephone service, but officials believe its location several hundred feet north of Marine Drive makes it hard for tourists to find. Even many Astorians are unsure where the chamber headquarters is, Durham says.

With the highway frontage satellite tourism center, "if we get 200 people in there when we're open, we know we're missing a lot" of tourists at the port docks office, Durham says. About 300 a day call on the existing chamber office, but Durham suspects many eastbound tourists who stop at the new center will have missed the main office on their way through town. In such cases, they may turn around and head west for Astoria tourist attractions they hadn't known about before.

Durham says Hauke and the Astoria city government are working on developing a recreational vehicle sewage dump station near the supermarket as an increased attraction for tourists.

Meanwhile, plans continue to evolve for the chamber to establish its own permanent building, perhaps on an undeveloped strip of land off Taylor Avenue at Smith Point.

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Retail sales seminars set May 24, 26

Retail sales seminars, designed for people whose jobs require them to serve the public, will be held in two Clatsop County locations May 24 and May 26.

Sponsored by The Daily Astorian, Clatsop Community College and the chambers of commerce in Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach and Warrenton, the seminars are free. Because of limited seating, each of the four seminars will be held to 100 participants. Tickets are available at the newspaper and chamber offices.

Seminars will be held Tuesday, May 24, at 7:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Captain Morgan's Restaurant in Gearhart and at the same hours Thursday, May 26, in the Astoria Public Library.

The two-hour seminars will include a sales training film, a skit showing the right and wrong way to serve customers, tips on telephone courtesy, a discussion of how to inform visitors about the Sunset Empire's tourist attractions and information about various other aspects of customer relations.

Senate wants to charge shellfish license fee

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Many clam diggers and others who harvest shellfish for sport would be required to have licenses under a bill passed by the Oregon Senate.

The Senate also approved a measure Thursday that would forbid nursing homes from requiring patients to buy drugs only from certain pharmacies.

Both measures now go to the House.

If approved by the Legislature and Gov. Vic Atiyeh, shellfish license fees would take effect next January.

Costs would be $5 for an annual license and $3.50 for a one-day permit.

Senate Republican Leader Tony Meeker of Amity, floor manager for SB428, said money from the fees would help state wildlife officials conduct research into ways to boost the dwindling stocks of some species, mainly clams.

The state already charges $12 for fishing licenses and people who seek only shellfish should also have to pay a license fee, Meeker said. People who buy the $12 fishing licenses would not have to purchase a separate shellfish license, he added.

"People who use it should pay their fair share for using that resource," the Amity Republican said, noting that both California and Washington have shellfish license fees.

The bill drew opposition from several senators who questioned whether the state Fish and Wildlife Department needed the extra money and warned that such a fee could harm tourism.

Democratic Sen. Jack Ripper of North Bend, chairman of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, said the "real motive" was to generate more money for the department, not to boost stocks of shellfish.

"There is no way to artificially propagate clams," he said.

Another opponent, Sen. Charles Hanlon, D-Mountaindale, said the proposed license fee could hurt tourism because the money people spend on the licenses might otherwise be spent at local businesses.

The nursing home bill is aimed at prohibiting operators of the homes from requiring their patients to purchase drugs from a single source, such as a local pharmacy or one that's run by the home.

Sen. Jeannette Hamby, R-Hillsboro, floor manager for SB316, said such a practice amounts to a monopoly that sometime forces nursing home patients to have to put up with being overcharged for drugs.

The bill will "assure patients a freedom of choice" in purchasing drugs, she said.

The Senate also approved and sent to the House a bill that would prohibit any jail or corrections facility from admitting an unconscious person. The bill, SB467, instead would require that the person be taken to a medical treatment facility.

Sen. Jan Wyers, D-Portland, floor manager for the bill, cited a case where a man who was unconscious after suffering a head injury was taken to a local jail where he died without receiving treatment.

The bill would help make sure such incidents did not happen in the future, he said.

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Portland agency selected to make tourism brochure

When it comes to tourism promotion, Clatsop County is becoming McDonald Babb & Clarkson country.

The Clatsop County Economic Development Committee has picked the Portland advertising-public relations agency to put together a countywide tourism brochure. Earlier this year, the Committee to Promote Astoria, an arm of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, selected McDonald, Babb & Clarkson as its advertising agency. McDonald, Babb & Clarkson did the promotion for the second annual Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival March 26-27. The Crab Feed drew 16,000 paid admissions in a single weekend, most of them out-of-towners.

The CEDC tourism campaign is the first countywide effort in memory to promote tourism. Clatsop County commissioners have agreed to budget $8,000 to get the campaign off the ground with the understanding that the four local chambers of commerce — Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside and Cannon Beach — would work together to sell the entire area to tourists.

McDonald, Babb & Clarkson will be responsible for selecting a countywide tourism theme and developing a full-color promotional brochure for distribution around the region. The agency also will be asked to design a booth that can be set up for promotions at shopping malls like Washington Square near Beaverton and at the Oregon State Fair in Salem this summer.

About half the $8,000 will go to McDonald, Babb & Clarkson for developing the promotional materials. A full-page ad in the July issue of Oregon Business magazine, based on the theme the firm creates, will cost an additional $1,500. (Oregon Business will feature a special section on the North Coast in its July issue.)

The rest of the money is allocated for booth construction, booth space rental at mall promotions and office costs. That means the four chambers of commerce themselves will have to pay for printing the brochures and building the booth.

Patsy Conner, the Astoria travel agent who is chairman of the CEDC tourism subcommittee, says copies of the brochure can be sent to the Oregon Coast Association, state visitors' information centers, and other outlets where tourists are likely to be seeking information. "We should make a big push in getting them into Washington — those are the people that don't want to drive all the way to Lincoln City" just to visit the Oregon Coast, Mrs. Conner says.

The tourism subcommittee will work in tandem with the CEDC industrial recruitment subcommittee in developing the booth. That way, the booth can promote the virtues of the northwest corner of Oregon as a site for business as well as pleasure.

Chambers buy vacation guides

5-24-83

The Astoria-area and Seaside chambers of commerce are buying 5,000 extra copies of The Daily Astorian's 1983 Vacation Edition for distribution to tourists, says newspaper General Manager Don Budde.

The two chambers of commerce "have decided to go together" to buy the copies, many of which will be handed out free at the Oregon State Fair in Salem this summer.

Copies of the award-winning 52-page tabloid, the largest annual special section the newspaper publishes, will be distributed with the June 2 daily newspaper.

In previous years, the Vacation Edition has been a broadsheet publication, but the newspaper switched to the tabloid format this year in the belief that the smaller page will be easier for tourists to handle. In line with that thinking, the editorial content of the section has been completely revamped in an effort to make it more useful for out-of-towners.

The chambers' decision stems from a perception of "growing interest in tourism on the entire North Coast area," says Budde, who is also active in the Astoria chamber.

In addition to the 5,000 copies the chambers will buy, the newspaper will print 40,000 copies of the 1983 Vacation Edition, up from 25,000 in 1982.

Seaside downtown, Astoria chamber

5-18-83

Port may help two area projects

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

The Astoria and Seaside chambers of commerce are getting some encouraging signs on high-priority projects from the Port of Astoria Commission.

Though they made no firm commitments, commissioners signaled their willingness to give $15,000 out of their 1983-84 budget for a Seaside downtown redevelopment program and to provide a site for a new Highway 101 Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce headquarters.

On the first matter, commissioners' action Tuesday was in the form of a recommendation to the port budget committee, which meets today to resume consideration of acting manager Steve Felkins' budget proposal for the fiscal year that begins July 1. But since the five elected commissioners were unanimous, and they comprise half the budget committee membership—the other half are five Clatsop County residents they appoint—they are likely to have their way.

ON MAY 11, Doug Barker, chairman of the board of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, and Seaside City Manager Larry Lehman approached the budget committee to ask for the money. The $15,000 would supplement a $5,000 grant city officials hope to get from the Oregon Downtown Development Association.

The money would be used to help pay a "downtown manager," who would be responsible for overseeing a campaign to develop the business community and revitalize the business district. Seaside is one of 37 Oregon communities competing for grants from the National Main Street Center; Astoria is another. Only five will be successful.

According to the Seaside plan, additional funding would come from the Seaside Improvement Commission, which administered the recently completed $1 million renovation of Broadeay, and the Seaside chamber. Though the Broadway improvement was dedicated only this month, civic leaders hope to pursue local economic development further in the form of building improvements. The Broadway facelift primarily involved the street itself.

"I've though a great deal about the south county—I'd be pretty uncomfortable saying 'no,' " Commission Chairman Nick Zafiratos, Astoria, said. "They are just as much a part of this port district as the people around us." Commissioner Henry Desler, the lone Seasider on the panel, said the port "should be just as much involved in tourism promotions as. . .in shipping."

AS FOR ASTORIA, Mayor Edith Henningsgaard, chamber President Loran Mathews, chamber board Chairman Dale Collins, City Councilwoman Nancy Merriman and chamber President-elect Jeff Ter Har asked commissioners' approval of a plan to use part of a port-owned parking lot at the northwest corner of Basin Street and West Marine Drive. That lot is little used except during charter fishing season and is never full, Ter Har said on behalf of the group.

The idea of a new chamber office in Astoria has been discussed for several years, because chamber officials have been dissatisfied with their current headquarters in the first floor of port Pier 1. The pier space is free, but the location several hundred feet north of the highway is costing the chamber lots of potential visitors, chamber manager Jim Durham said recently.

Finances have been the major stumbling block to building a new chamber office, but that situation appears resolved. City government budget committee members allocated $125,000 of federal revenue-sharing funds to the chamber for a new facility, and the only thing that can stop that money from being appropriated is action by Congress to diminish the revenue-sharing money available.

THE FIVE PEOPLE present Tuesday to discuss the Astoria chamber building and Vic Nunenkamp, who didn't attend, make up a committee that has been formed to work on the project. Speaking for that committee, Collins explained to port commissioners that the proposed parking lot site has several important attrioutes.

It is near the Astoria Bridge's toll booth entrance; it has access to adequate parking, including space for motor homes and travel trailers, even if some of it is consumed by the proposed building; it is walking distance from the port's West Mooring Basin and the Thunderbird Motor Inn, Astoria's largest motel; and it is conspicuous from the bridge and the highways. "In the whole town, this intersection right here probably gets the most tourist traffic," Ter Har said. "Our big industry right now is tourism," said the mayor. "We feel a visible chamber of commerce (building) would enhance tourism."

Commissioners expressed concern about the potential loss of parking area, the four big fuel tanks that are buried beneath the lot and restrictions on developing the site which may be involved in their lease with the Thunderbird. Nevertheless, they were generally supportive. "I'm favorably impressed," Zafiratos said.

"God bless America and Clatsop County—I'm all for it," Commissioner Howard Johnson said.

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By DAVE BURNS
Special writer, The Oregonian



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Earthen Joys has received excellent response from ads in various publications. Coe said she learned how important eye appeal is in marketing and changed her entire packaging appearance, which helped to perk up her business. She stated that she believes in what late architect Frank Lloyd Wright once said: "Beauty is an investment."

Donk said her experience with Earthen Joys has taught her that "your horizons are as far as you want to make them." She said the company will continue to grow, but "we want to keep a personal touch and work in a professional way so we can always say we do quality work."

Coe has set her sights on supplying "all areas of the country with coffee filters, and eventualy offering a catalog of 50 to 60 natural household products that discourage excessive waste."



Photo by ANDREW E. CIER

BUSINESSWOMAN — Joni Coe of Astoria started a part-time business making cloth coffee filters three years ago in her home. Today, she employs nine part-time workers and has expanded the line of kitchenware products distributed.

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Friday's chamber forum 5-24-83

BN official to speak here

A Burlington Northern Railroad vice president will speak to an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce forum noon luncheon Friday.

William Francis, Seattle-Portland regional vice president, also will meet with members of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's People Places Committee immediately after the luncheon.

Francis, 42, former Chicago regional assistant general manager, returned to the Northwest a few months ago after more than 11 years in the Midwest. He was trainmaster for the former Northern Pacific Railway at Centralia, Wash., and assistant superintendent for Burlington Northern at Klamath Falls after it absorbed Northern Pacific. He had joined NP in 1966.

Francis was assistant superintendent and then terminal superintendent at Cicero, Ill., between 1971 and 1980, before moving to Aurora, Ill., and then Chicago.



William Francis

Burlington Northern is the only railroad serving Clatsop County. Last year, it indefinitely suspended service to customers in Warrenton, citing safety concerns about the Youngs Bay trestle. Burlington Northern says the amount of money it would take to repair or replace that trestle makes it impractical to do so now.

Francis' meeting with the People Places Committee concerns that group's plan to use parts of the BN railroad right of way on the Astoria waterfront for a series of small public parks. The committee received written permission from BN several years ago to use the right of way, as long as the use doesn't interfere with trains or create a safety hazard. But only the first of the People Places—a viewing stand at the Port of Astoria—has been completed since, and committee Chairman Don Budde says he wants to get BN to renew its commitment.

Budde says all 20-25 members of the committee, as well as other interested parties, may attend the meeting.

The luncheon will be held at the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant, 400 Industry St., Astoria. The public may attend. Friday's meeting is the last of the monthly chamber functions until fall.

German foresters make short visit

5-25-83

A group of 90 foresters from the West German state of Bavaria visited Astoria overnight Tuesday during a Northwest regional forest practices tour.

The foresters stayed at the Thunderbird Motor Inn and were given a special after-hours opportunity to see the Columbia River Maritime Museum during their brief Astoria stop.

The two-week tour is being escorted by a group of U.S Forest Service officials. After having arrived Saturday at Vancouver, B.C., the Bavarians traveled by chartered buses to Port Townsend, Wash., and Olympia, Wash., before reaching Astoria.

Between Olympia and here, they toured Weyerhaeuser Co. land and the company's log loading and sorting dock at Raymond, Wash., a private tree farm nearby, and the Forest Service McCleary experimental station near Olympia. Today there were bound for the Lewis and Clark Trail State Park visitors center, south of Chehalis, Wash.

Forest Service chief Max Peterson, who visited Bavaria a year ago, escorted the tour until Tuesday; other national Forest Service office staff and Northwest regional forester Jeff Sirmon are still traveling with the group. Interpreters are on hand as well, for few of the tourists speak English fluently, says Bob Stewart, another Forest Service official on the tour.

The group will stay overnight in Portland tonight before proceeding to the central Oregon resort Kah-Nee-Ta, Sunriver, Crescent City and Sacramento, Calif., Yosemite National Park and San Francisco, Stewart said. They return home June 3.

"They're very interested in looking at old growth," Stewart told The Daily Astorian. "They don't allow (their trees) to grow that large." Bavaria, in southern West Germany, is home to the Black Forest.

Portland dentist wins ship model competition

5-27-83

A Portland dentist won the Columbia River Maritime Museum 10th annual ship model competition with a model of the Star of Oregon. Dr. Niclaus Marineau intends to donate the model to the museum.

The Star of Oregon was the first Liberty Ship launched by the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. at Portland during World War II, and only the second such vessel in the country. A total of 2,742 such standardized, mass-produced freighters were turned out by 18 U.S. shipyards under the government's emergency shipbuilding program. A German submarine sank the Star of Oregon off Trinidad on Aug. 30, 1942, but her entire crew was rescued.

Thirty-nine entries by 27 model builders from around the Northwest were submitted in the competition. The types of craft represented ranged from aircraft carriers to galleons. The judges were Robert Norgren, Beaverton, Edward Neubauer, Milwaukie, and museum Curator Larry Gilmore. In addition to the overall championship, 21 awards were made Saturday in various categories among adult and junior age groups

The winners were:

Scratch-built models, adult division: First place, the Star of Oregon; second, the colonial schooner Sir Edward Hawke, V.J. Davidson, Moscow, Idaho; third, the revenue cutter Alert, Ole Schmidt, North Vancouver, B.C.

Wooden kit models, adult division: First place, a cross-section of H.M.S. Victory, Maurice Mitchell, Spokane, Wash.; second, C.J. Bartley, Kelso, Wash. for a whaleboat; third, the fishing schooner Bluenose, William Cornell, Hillsboro.

Plastic kit models, adult division: First place, the aircraft carrier USS Essex, Lloyd Bowler, Astoria; second, the galleon Stella, Downey Cunningham, Renton, Wash.; third, the USS Essex, Brian Grissom, Astoria.

Plastic kit models, junior division: First place, Ken Frost, Warrenton, for a German torpedo boat; second the PT-109, Rich Prouse, Vancouver, Wash.; third, the cruiser USS Springfield, Jeff Prouse, Vancouver.

Radio-controlled models, adult division: First place, the steam launch Mary K., William Witte, Medford; second and third to Witte for the tug Weymouth and the freighter Island Trader.

Ships in bottles, adult division: First place, the square-rigger Cape Chiniak, Russell Rowley, Seattle; second, the pioneer side-wheeler Beaver, Richard Clark, Portland; third, James Herr, Marysville, Wash., for a schooner.

Decorative and fanciful models, adult division: First place, a paper brig, Alan Farmer, Astoria; no other entries.

Decorative and fanciful models, junior division: First place, a shipwreck diorama, Clint Patterson, Astoria; second, the imaginary warship Xanth, Clifford Linehan, Astoria; no other entries.

All entries were on display for the 501 visitors who toured the museum Saturday.

Tourist centers to open

Two tourist information centers in Astoria will open for the summer season this weekend and a third will set up shop for the first time soon.

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce will mark Memorial Day weekend by going on its seven-day-a-week schedule. The chamber is open weekdays all year, but a contract with the Oregon Travel Information Section enables it to serve tourists on summer Saturdays and Sundays as well. As on weekdays, the chamber office, 1 Portway St. in the Port of Astoria Pier 1, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Meanwhile, work is proceeding on a third chamber-sponsored tourist information booth on land provided by Hauke's Sentry Market, 3300 Leif Erikson Drive, at the east end of town. That booth is expected to open for the first time in early June.

If chamber statistics are any indication, the column and port tourist information centers are significant in aiding tourism.

Chamber manager Jim Durham says some 39,000 visitors came into the chamber office during 1982 and took away nearly 300,000 pieces of tourist literature.

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Sales seminar Tuesday

5-31-83

A special customer relations seminar aimed at Sunset Empire high school and college students who plan to hold summer jobs is scheduled for Tuesday in Astoria.

Reservations for the seminar may be made through Clatsop Community College business instructor George Phillips, 325-0910, Ext. 302; The Daily Astorian, 325-3211; or the Astoria or Seaside chambers of commerce. The college, the newspaper, and the two chambers, as well as the Cannon Beach and Warrenton chambers, are sponsoring the session. It will be held 7-9 p.m. in the Astoria Public Library Flag Room.

The format is similar to a retail sales seminar that has been put on four times in recent weeks, drawing a total of about 175 people. The theme is "I care about customers." Buttons bearing that slogan are distributed at the sessions.
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The agenda includes a presentation by Aneta Englund of the Clatsop County Historical Society on tourist relations; a film about business telephone manners, "Customer on Line 3"; and a presentation by members of the North Coast Readers Theater. The four actors — Edna Packard, Kay Bredleau, Maureen Sundstrom and Bill Reuter — will present humorous skits about right and wrong ways to deal with customers.

Reservations are limited to 75 people, says Phillips. The session expressly for the students was scheduled only late last week after one of Phillips' students suggested it.

Give him ample time

6/31/83

You would be hard-pressed to find anyone who thinks that Bert Mitchell will be able to come up with about $4 million to convert the long-vacant John Jacob Astor Hotel to a motor inn with restaurant, convention center and shops. He has been at it since 1979 when he purchased the building from Clatsop County and the consensus seems to be that if you think he can bring it off you believe in the tooth fairy.

Nevertheless, the Astoria City Council and the Clatsop County Commission acted properly in giving Mitchell an extension of time to put a complex financing scheme together.

Astoria City government will assist him with an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for an $850,000 third mortgage loan. Mitchell will, at the same time, seek a $1.6 million first mortgage loan from a bank, a second mortgage loan from a development corporation through the Small Business Administration, and to form a limited partnership to raise an additional $2 million.

That's a very big order. But Mitchell should be given fullest opportunity to bring it off. The alternative of demolishing the old building is non-productive.

We don't want to leave the impression that we think Mitchell should be given unlimited time to find financing for renovating the building but a little longer won't make any noticeable difference. Nobody has been heard to say that he wants the chance to do what Mitchell has been unable to do.

Company official tells Astoria forum

Coal yard delay disappoints BN

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Burlington Northern Railroad is "disappointed" that no progress is being made toward developing a coal export yard at Astoria, but it isn't despairing, a top official of the company said in Astoria Friday.

"We are disappointed with developments that have delayed the sale of coal through Pacific Northwest ports to Far Eastern countries, but we aren't jumping out of windows over it," William Francis said at an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon at the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant. Francis is railroad vice president for the Seattle-Portland region, which includes the entire Pacific Northwest.

A different subsidiary of Burlington Northern Inc., parent holding company of the railroad, is a partner in a consortium that once hoped to build a coal export yard at Astoria. In December 1981, the consortium, the Astoria Coal Terminal Group, entered into a four-year option to lease Port of Astoria waterfront property for a coal yard.

HOWEVER, WITH THE big drop in worldwide oil prices and depressed global economy since then, the Pacific Rim nations who were prospective customers for Western U.S. coal have lost much of their interest in it. It is extremely unlikely a coal



William Francis

yard will be developed at Astoria before the ACT group option expires, unless it is extended.

Astoria's experience with coal export prospects mirrors the experience of other Northwest ports that have seen their near-term hopes for major coal exporting business dashed by changing circumstances.

Francis took a generally upbeat tack in his talk, despite the coal port setback. "We haven't put all our eggs in one basket and Astoria hasn't either," he said. Astoria has good economic prospects related to grain, lumber and maritime industries, he said without going into detail. A railroad prospers only when the communities it serves prosper as well, so "you and Burlington Northern are partners."

Burlington Northern will do whatever is necessary to improve its track between Astoria and Portland if a coal exporting deal is negotiated for Astoria, he said.

The bulk of Francis' prepared speech was a statistical summary of Burlington Northern operations. Though the railroad, America's longest and largest in volume, has reduced its service to the North Coast and declined to make major capital investments necessary to improve its track here, such is not the usual pattern, his remarks demonstrated.

For example, the Seattle-Portland region will invest $30 million this year for capital improvements in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and California, he noted. This region produces more revenues for the railroad than any other, he said.

Overall 1982 railroad capital expenditures were "extremely high," and "no other railroad came close."

Burlington Northern expects "to be more competitive and more responsive (to customers) — we are streamlining our physical plant," Francis said. Its plans are "among the most aggressive in the railroad industry."

AFTER FRANCIS HAD delivered his prepared remarks, Don Webb, a representative of the Astoria Plywood Corp., questioned him about what Webb said were shortcomings in BN service to the Astoria plywood mill. Since BN placed an indefinite suspension on service to Warrenton last year, citing serious structural problems in its Youngs Bay trestle, Astoria is the westernmost stop on the regular BN runs to the North Coast. Francis invited Webb to meet him after the luncheon to discuss improving the service.

Burlington Northern Railroad was formed 13 years ago out of what had been the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, the Northern Pacific, and other lines. As Francis explained, the railroad is but one of seven major business units that the Seattle-based Burlington Northern Inc. holding company owns. The others are a trucking company, a forest lands company, a forest products manufacturing company, an oil and gas development company, a coal company and a real estate company.

Kim Forman, BN Railroad regional public relations official, told The Daily Astorian after the speech that each of those seven businesses is expected to earn a profit on its own, without subsidies from the others. Forman said the railroad has "no intent at all to make any changes in our present service, (to Clatsop County), for the foreseeable future."

After the luncheon, Francis met with members of the Astoria People Places committee. They want to build a series of waterfront viewing areas between the Port of Astoria piers and the Columbia River Maritime Museum, and they need permission to encroach on BN right of way to do so. Francis reiterated his company's approval of that use, a People Places spokesman said afterward.

New bridge final straw

Highway 30 bypass may be dead

By BEN SILVERMAN
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The proposed new Highway 30 John Day River Bridge could sound the death knell for the long-discussed Highway 30 bypass of Astoria—if that final bell hasn't rung already.

John Supple, longtime advocate of a highway that would allow travel from Seaside to Knappa without going through Astoria, has written the Oregon Highway Division to protest its plans to replace the John Day Bridge. But highway Division engineer Chuck Fredrickson has rebuffed Supple.

The division expects to receive federal funds to replace the aging swing-span bridge about six miles east of Astoria next spring. The division wants to replace the bridge because it has "severely deteriorated" to the extent that the swing span is no longer operable, officials say. The division wants the bridge to be built a short distance downriver from the existing span.

Supple, chairman of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, opposes the plan because it would represent a commitment to the existing route of Highway 30. That route would have to be altered to build the kind of bypass Supple envisions. An expenditure estimated at $4 million on the bridge presumably would dim whatever chance remains that the bypass eventually will be built.

Supple's May 17 letter to Fredrickson said: "Since 1967, the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, along with the entire North Coast, has diligently requested the Department of Transportation to include the bypass of Astoria in at least the long-range plans for the North Coast. The answer has always been the same, 'The idea is sound and would be beneficial, but the state is without funds for this kind of project.' We believe the rebuilding of the John Day Bridge in its present location without first exploring where it should be located in relation to long-range bypass plans would not be in the best interests of the state."

Supple and other bypass advocates believe a bypass might reduce traffic congestion in downtown Astoria, particularly on Commercial Street between Ninth and 14th streets, eliminate the nuisance of having frequent log trucks rumbling through downtown, and enhance the prospects for the creation of a pedestrians-only downtown mall in Astoria, along the lines of other cities. Supple's letter was written on official chamber stationery.

Fredrickson gave Supple no encouragement when he replied in a May 24 letter.

The state Transportation Commission, which must approve major highway projects, "has been very reluctant to approve any new routes, such as bypasses," in the last six years, Fredrickson said. "They are exceedingly expensive, and generally result in an increase in... maintenance cost."

With the Astoria bypass estimated to cost $24-$30 million, and federal allocation of funds for such highway projects estimated at $26.8 million through 1986, "it is doubtful that the Astoria bypass will be an active project within the foreseeable future." Division officials "do not believe (bridge replacement) can wait for future approval of a new route at some indeterminate time," he said.

Astoria actually second

6-15-83

During typesetting, several words were dropped from a reporter's copy in a news story in The Daily Astorian Tuesday about the return of the Sitmar Cruises Fairsea to Astoria. The luxury liner, which made six visits to the Port of Astoria in 1982, will make the first of five visits this year Thursday.

Part of the story was intended to relate how Astorians began to make efforts to welcome Fairsea passengers to town after its first call last year.

It should have read:

The Fairsea made six calls in Astoria in 1982, and the chamber of commerce has come a long way in devising ways to make its visits more memorable since its first call last June 17. "We didn't know what to do, so we didn't do anything" by way of welcoming Fairsea passengers, chamber manager Jim Durham acknowledges

All that has changed, though, and indications are that the passengers recognize it. At the end of their cruise, passengers are asked to rate the nine ports on the 14-day Canada-Alaska cruise which stops at Astoria. The other stops, besides San Francisco and Astoria, are Victoria, B.C., Sitka, Juneau and Ketchikan, Alaska, and Prince Rupert, Alert Bay and Vancouver, B.C.

"I think we came in eighth out of nine" in the rating game after the first cruise, Durham says. "But eventually we moved into second place. We were very pleased—really the whole thing hinged on the people and the hospitality."

During typesetting, everything from "But eventually" to "we were very pleased" was omitted from the story.

The newspaper regrets the omission.

Retail travel guide compiled

6-11-83

The Oregon Retail Travel Catalog, a directory to vacation activities and attractions throughout the state, is now available at chamber of commerce and Automobile Club of Oregon offices.

More than 190 vacation bargains are listed, ranging from overnight stays in major cities to raft and fishing trips on Oregon's rivers.

The catalog was compiled by the Travel Information Section of the state Department of Transportation. The Travel Information Section funds were supplemented by a grant from U.S. Bancorp's Economic Action Council and advertising support from private businesses and organizations.

Catalogs and other vacation planning information also are available from the Travel Information Section, Room PC 101 Transportation Building, Salem 97310 (telephone: 378-6309).

Fine time

6-30-83

My wife and I had a fine time in Astoria recently. The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival was absolutely delightful. Everyone seemed to be having such a good time, with never a hint of rowdiness or disorder. Altogether, it was one of the best-handled and most enjoyable events of its kind we've ever experienced. A great credit to the organizers and everyone who had anything to do with it.

Never having spent that much time in Astoria before, we got something of a new sense and appreciation of your town. It is without question, I believe, the most interesting community in Oregon. I have the feeling that it is just beginning to realize its full potential as a tourist center in the best sense of the term, one which too often connotes little that is desirable. May the all-too-prevalent excesses of "tourism" be avoided!

CHARLES T. DUNCAN
Eugene

6-27-83

ASTORIA LEO CLUB will install its charter members 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Sunset Empire Room, 2813 Marine Drive, Astoria.

The newly formed community service organization for boys and girls 14 to 20 years old is an offshoot of the Astoria Lions Club. Membership is open to anyone in that age group, regardless of whether they have a parent who is a Lion, a spokesman said.

Astoria High School teacher Joe Thompson and Ruperto Rubio, representing the Lions, advise the group, which is overseen by Garrett Heming.

For membership information, call Heming, 325-5358.

Enjoyable weekend

For the first time, our family, plus overseas guests, visited your city for the Scandinavian days.

What a fun time! The weather didn't dampen our spirits at all. We were met with welcoming smiles and greetings wherever we went. Much work goes into such a big event. We all would like to thank each and every one who had a part in this event. We also enjoyed the shuttle bus back and forth to the high school and the special gals who drove.

Our daughter was one of the folk dancers in Leikar ringen from Portland, and how much fun all ages had at the dance Saturday evening, from the youngest to the oldest.

We do have to admit we three got a little drenched walking in the parade—but we got dried up in no time.

Thank you again for a most fun and enjoyable weekend in your city.

MARITA, JIM AND KARLYN AGNEW
Vancouver, Wash.
BENGT AND GRETEL KUMMEL
Nykarleby, Finland

On way to Portland festival

6-27-83

3 sailing vessels to go up river

Three types of sailing ships will venture up the Columbia River next week on their way to Portland to take part in the Portland Maritime Festival, Monday through July 6.

The three ships are the 90-foot clipper Pride of Baltimore, the 90-foot yawl Odyssey and the 101-foot schooner Adventuress.

The Pride of Baltimore is scheduled to cross the Columbia River bar Tuesday. It is uncertain exactly what time the ship will pass Astoria.

The ship will anchor off Longview, Wash., Tuesday night, and travel to St. Helens Wednesday for an overnight stay before going on to Portland.

The Odyssey and Adventuress each will offer 20 deck passages from Astoria to St. Helens and St. Helens to Portland, as well as return passages downriver between those points.

The Odyssey will dock in Astoria Wednesday, and will board passengers for St. Helens from the Port of Astoria docks beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday. The ship will stop in St. Helens overnight, and take on passengers for Portland the following day. The ship is scheduled to arrive in Portland next Friday at 3 p.m.

The Adventuress is expected to arrive in Astoria next Friday at 11 a.m. Passengers for the Astoria-to-St. Helens leg will board the following day. The ship will tie up in St. Helens that night and will take on passengers for the trip to Portland July 3. The ship is expected to reach Portland at 3 p.m. that day.

There are no overnight accommodations on either ship. Shuttle buses will return passengers to the point of departure. A box lunch will be served to passengers on each leg of the trip. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

The daylong voyages of the ships cost $40 to $55. The prices include lunch and transportation to the point of departure.

All reservations are filled for the Adventuress' trip from St. Helens to Portland on July 3.

For reservations, call Sailing Ships Pacific, Portland, 226-7774.



Pride of Baltimore

Port, Thunderbird

7-6-83

Chamber site talks to start

The Port of Astoria and Astoria-Thunderbird Inc. are ready to begin negotiations as part of the groundwork for the possible construction of a new Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce building on port-owned property near the Thunderbird's Seafare restaurant.

In a letter to the commission, Astoria-Thunderbird Inc. board Chairman Tod McClaskey said the firm is "prepared to negotiate the conditions under which a chamber of commerce building could be constructed..." on the site.

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce currently is housed in a portion of the Port of Astoria offices at the port docks. Port of Astoria Commission Chairman Nick Zafiratos said the chamber is given free use of the office space it occupies in the building.

Zafiratos said the port entered into an agreement to purchase the approximately 200-by-1,300-foot lot from Thunderbird for $75,000 in 1976. Under terms of the sale, he said, the lot was to be used solely for parking for the restaurant and Thunderbird Motor Inn from 1978 to 2026.

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7-11-83

The Daily Astorian—TONY MEYER

Members of the group of Astorians that rescued Columbia Lightship 88 from a Seattle scrap yard include, standing, from left, Bob Chopping, Capt. Kenneth McAlpin, George Fulton, Bill Gammon, John Mitchell and Eben Carruthers and sitting, from left, Dick Thompson, Mel Hjorten and Lloyd Halsan.

Lightship rescuers hold reunion

By TONY MEYER
Of The Daily Astorian

It was an evening of laughter and fond memories Friday for nine men who celebrated the 20th anniversary of the rescue of Columbia River Lightship 88.

The men were part of a group of 19 Astorians, many of whom 20 years ago were board members of the then newly established Columbia River Maritime Museum. They believed that acquiring the lightship would provide a "catalyst to get the museum going," said Dick Thompson, a member of the group. "It was the beginning of the waterfront museum," he said.

When the museum first opened in 1962, it was housed in the former Astoria City Hall building near the present Columbia Expo Center roller skating rink.

About $20,000 was raised locally to purchase the lightship, which had been decommissioned in about 1960 and sold to a Seattle scrap yard. The group paid for its own transportation to Seattle to get the ship in order and bring it back to Astoria.

The ship, which served in a variety of roles along the Oregon and Washington coasts for about 60 years, was in sad shape when the crew arrived to save it. The ship had been stripped of most valuable items while sitting in the scrap yard.

BUT IN JUST two days, the ship was restored to running condition, painted and cleaned up by the crew.

"The ship had been stripped absolutely bare," said Capt. Kenneth McAlpin, a Columbia River bar pilot who participated in the effort. "But the crowd fanned out to get everything they could beg, borrow or steal to get the ship down to Astoria," he said.

"The engines hadn't been fired up for a long time, and it looked like the Fourth of July when they fired it up for the first time up there."

It took less than two days for the ship and crew to arrive in Portland, despite a leak that developed near the stern and caused the vessel to put into Westport, Wash., where quick repairs were made and the vessel pumped out.

In fact, the vessel made such good time on the trip south that the crew circled out in the channel for a time in order to arrive on schedule for a planned reception on the Astoria waterfront.

THE SHIP BECAME one of the main exhibits for the museum. It was kept until 1979, when it was sold to a Cathlamet, Wash., restaurateur, who planned to turn it into a floating eatery on the river.

The wood superstructure of the vessel was hard to maintain, and "would have required extensive work that was beyond us at that time," said museum Director Michael Naab.

The museum acquired Lightship 604 the following year.

Naab said the Cathlamet businessman was unable to realize plans to turn the vessel into a floating restaurant. Lightship 88 now is in Victoria, B.C., where it is being used as a training vessel by its present owners.

"It's off the river now. It is a shame they had to take it away," Thompson said.

7-13-83

Schooner to dock here for 5 days

The 90-foot schooner Pride of Baltimore will spend five days in Astoria on her way downriver from the Portland Maritime Festival.

The ship is expected to arrive here Thursday evening. It will tie up to the dock at the foot of 17th Street.

Free deck tours will be given Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The vessel will depart July 18 or 19 for Newport.

Built by the City of Baltimore in 1977, the ship serves as a good will ambassador for the community. The ship's visit here is part of a 17,000-mile round-trip voyage from Baltimore to Vancouver, B.C.

The vessel is a re-creation of the Baltimore Clipper schooner class of ships made famous during the War of 1812.

Traditional methods and materials were used in construction of the ship, with the exception of a watertight collision bulkhead and a small engine below decks.

The Pride of Baltimore measures 136 feet from bowsprit to boom, 23 feet at the widest point of its beam and 95 feet tall from waterline to top-mast. The ship has a draft of 9 feet, 9 inches, and a displacement of 121 long tons. She carries 9,523 square feet of canvas under full sail and can reach a speed of 13 knots, or 15 mph.

The ship is owned and operated by Pride of Baltimore Inc., a private, non-profit volunteer organization.

The ship carries a crew of 12.



Pride of Baltimore

7-15-83



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Terry Hipp of Brownsmead is the manager of Maurices in Astoria, scheduled to open Thursday.

Maurices opens Thursday

By JAMES HOLMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

Maurices, a clothing store chain based in Duluth, Minn., will open an Astoria outlet Thursday in the old Steinbock's Pharmacy storefront at 1084 Commercial St

The store will feature "first-quality merchandise at very reasonable prices," says Bob Pugh, regional supervisor for Maurices in Western Oregon. He describes Maurices as a "junior miss-y store. We carry no half-sizes. We will feature a bridal department."

Maurices carries only women's clothing, no shoes, but does have an accessory department. It has no lingerie, he said. The company's motto is: "Where fashion doesn't cost a fortune."

The store has been completely remodeled inside and will get an exterior face lifting, probably by next week, Pugh said. The work is being done by John Rickenbach Construction, an Astoria contractor. The inside work was 95 percent complete by Tuesday morning, Pugh said. Maurices will have the same square footage of selling space inside as Steinbock's had.

The store will open Thursday with its line of new fall merchandise, he said. It will have a staff of six, including manager Terry Hipp. All are local residents.

Maurices has several stores in the Portland area and stores in Bend, Eugene, Roseburg and Medford, Pugh said. A Maurices will open in The Dalles July 28, he said.

"We're very positive about Oregon," Pugh said. "Maurices is very excited to come into the Astoria area. We feel that this area has a lot of very positive things going for it."

Pugh declined to answer other questions about the company, such as how many stores and employees it has nationwide and other information of that nature. "We're kind of a shy company," he said. "I'm sure you can appreciate that. We don't ever disclose how many stores we have, when we started business, etc., etc., etc. It's a philosophy of the management that owns the company."

Ms. Hipp, the store's manager, has lived on the North Coast for seven years. She moved here in 1976 from Virginia, where she managed a men's store in the suburbs of Washington, D.C.

She was manager of the Clatskanie branch of Columbia Federal Savings and Loan (now Far West Federal Bank) from 1977 to 1981 and worked for the savings and loan's Astoria office for a year before that.

Ms. Hipp, who lives in Brownsmead, will be responsible for supervising personnel, bookkeeping and store appearance, but won't do the buying for the store.

Store hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Pugh said. A grand opening will be held Thursday.

7-15-83

Zafiratos urges chamber, city talk with Thunderbird

Port of Astoria Commission Chairman Nick Zafiratos thinks the Astoria city government and Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce should participate in negotiations with Astoria-Thunderbird Inc. for use of port-owned property as the site of a proposed chamber of commerce building

In a letter to Astoria Mayor Edith Henningsgaard, Zafiratos asked that the city government and chamber of commerce pursue negotiations with Astoria-Thunderbird for use of the property near the Thunderbird's Seafare restaurant.

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Zafiratos said the city government and chamber should take an active part in negotiations because all parties will benefit if the new building is constructed.

Without city and chamber participation, the port's involvement in the negotiations could cause Astoria-Thunderbird to try to negotiate more advantageous terms on other properties it leases from the port, Zafiratos said.

Astoria City Manager Dale Curry said the city government is trying to work with the chamber to get the new building built, but added it would "be difficult for us to enter into negotiations with Thunderbird on property we don't own. . ."

Curry said the city government is willing to act as a catalyst with the chamber, port and Astoria-Thunderbird to get the new chamber building constructed.

"We have no particular authority to negotiate," Curry said. "We will work with them, though."

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Dale Collins, chairman of the chamber's executive board of directors and a member of the special committee, said the committee is willing to talk with Astoria-Thunderbird representatives to convince them of the benefits of the planned project.

Zafiratos said the negotiations probably will be discussed at the port commission's Tuesday meeting.

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Pier 1 project pushed

Big cruise boat heats up concern

The Port of Astoria is having problems berthing the luxury cruise ship Fairsea in its Smith Point pier slips. And those problems will soon be replaced by ones that are much more troublesome, port Director Steve Felkins told port commissioners Tuesday.

The Fairsea, a Sitmar Cruises ship that is due July 28 to make the second of five stops in Astoria this summer, is having trouble docking inside a slip during ebb tides, Felkins said. Altering its schedule to arrive at slack water proved impractical, so the port is going to berth the Fairsea on the face of Pier 2, instead of in Slip 2, from now on, he said. Because Pier 2 is just 415 feet wide and the Fairsea is 600 feet long, that will require using lines to tie her bow and stern to Piers 1 and 3, he said. Telephone and water service must be altered as well.

The really tough challenge will come next year, though, when the Fairsea is retired and replaced with an 820-foot ocean liner. Though the bigger ship draws far less water—just 23 feet—it is too big to put on the face of Pier 2 without blocking all traffic in and out of both the port's slips.

Felkins said the port has only one place to accommodate a vessel that big: the west side of Pier 1. He already has announced that rehabilitation of that pier, which has been smashed repeatedly by ships in recent years, is the port's top priority for major capital improvements in 1983-84. "We've passed up 10 to 15 large vessels that wanted to come this winter simply because it's impractical to put them into the slip," he said.

That the Fairsea will be replaced next year by a larger vessel only means that the port must accelerate its rehabilitation of Pier 1, Felkins said.

Commissioners responded favorably to the idea Tuesday. "I've been wanting to do something about the condition of our docks and piers," Commissioner Nick Zafiratos said. "We're either going to do it, or we're going to go out of buisness. Things just haven't been taken care of in the last 20-30 years, and now they're catching up with us." However, Felkins warned he is unsure where the port can get the money for the construction.

Sailor reunion this weekend

7-29-83

An estimated 400-500 former sailors are expected to attend a reunion in Astoria this weekend of former Tongue Point naval base servicemen.

Mayor Edith Henningsgaard will give a welcoming speech at a banquet Friday evening during the four-day affair. Another highlight is a tour of Tongue Point and a barbecue at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center Saturday. Most of the social events will be held at the American Legion Hall in Astoria, culminating with a farewell champagne breakfast Sunday.

Former servicemen are expected from around the country, a Legion spokeswoman said.

Construction began on the Tongue Point base, originally a naval air base, about a year before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Seaplanes were deemed impractical soon thereafter because of waves on the Columbia River, but the base remained an active U.S. Navy installation during World War II.

By January 1943, Tongue Point was home to 229 officers, 1,585 enlisted men and two 12-plane squadrons of patrol aircraft and had storage for 700,000 gallons of aviation fuel and aprons for 48 patrol bombers.

The base's heydey was after the war, when it was home to more than 900 craft, most of them small boats, and up to 3,000 sailors at a time, says reunion organizer Smoky Stover. It was home to part of the so-called "mothball fleet," Navy surplus craft.

After Yocona leaves

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Resolute moving to town

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Harold Parker Jr. has granted Astoria city government's wish.

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In making their request, council members noted city government, which leases the 17th Street dock to the Coast Guard for $8,000 per year, just spent $5,000 repairing the pier. They said the dock is convenient for the crew and that the Coast Guard's presence enhances the pier.

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8-3-83

SPORTS



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Racing for the cup

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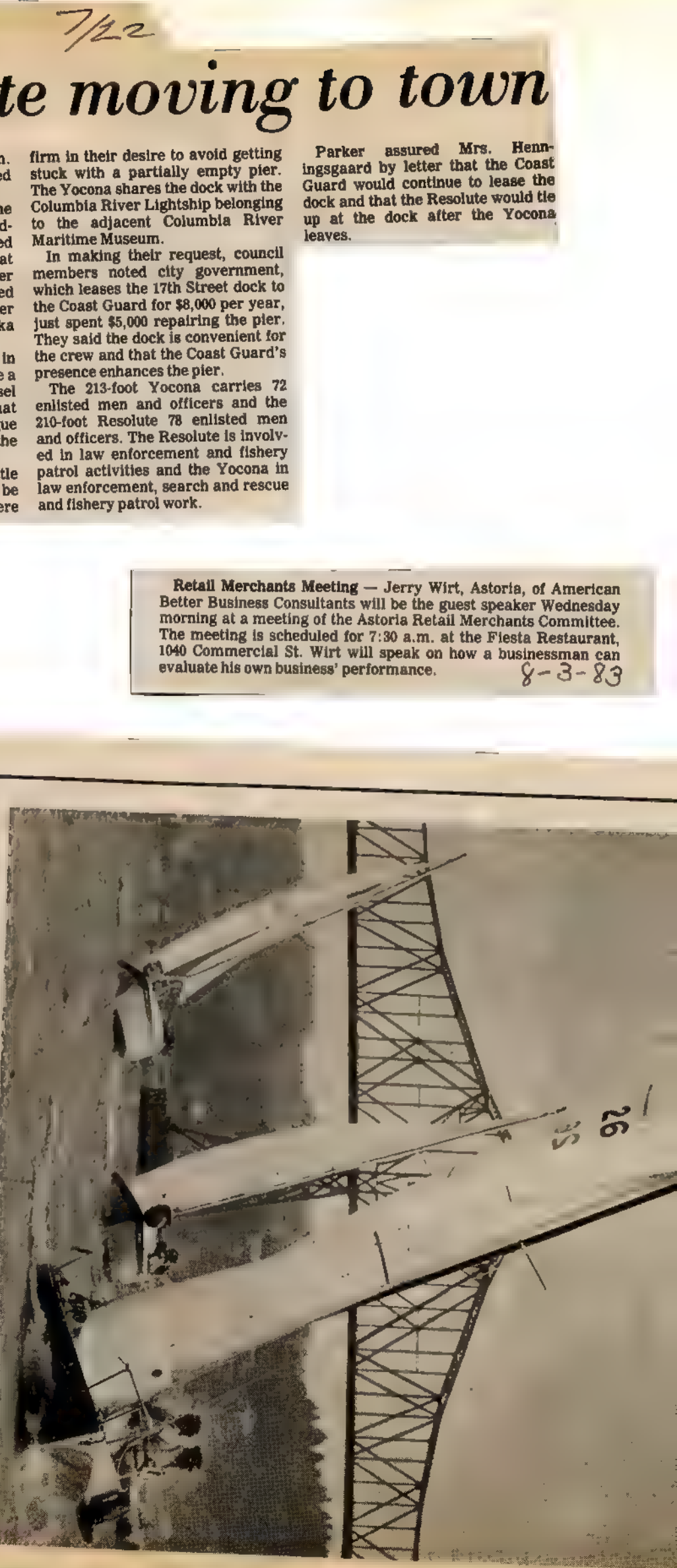
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A committee will spearhead the campaign to build a replica of the first U.S. post office west of the Rocky Mountains, shown here in a deteriorated condition just before it was torn down in 1906.

Replica of Shively post office eyed

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

An eight-member committee has formed to work toward building a replica of the John Shively house in Astoria, the first U.S. post office west of the Rocky Mountains.

Committee members are trying to find interior photographs of the building because the only ones they have show only its outside. They hope to build a replica of the two-story wooden building on the original site — vacant land just south of 15th and Exchange streets. Thanks to Ed and Eda Ross of Astoria, the land was purchased some years ago and donated to the City of Astoria. It has been marked with a commemorative plaque.

The idea of building a replica post office originally came from the Astoria Jaycees several years ago, but it was two committee members, former Mayor Harry Steinbock and Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce manager Jim Durham, who revived it, says Postmaster Donald Hobson, third committee member.

Shively was a prominent early day Astorian who traveled to Washington, D.C., in 1847 and returned with a commission appointing him postmaster. Shively operated the post office out of his home. In 1873, Astoria got its first bona fide post office building at the site of the current post office in the area bounded by Commercial, Bond, Seventh and Eight streets. (That post office was torn down to make way for the current building.)

The Shively home, then in bad repair, was torn down about 1906.

Besides Hobson, Steinbock and Durham, committee members are Steve Recken, curator of the Clatsop County Historical Society's Flavel House Museum; Bob Ellsberg, in-service training coordinator at Clatsop Community College; Michael Foster, Astoria High School librarian and historical society president; Sue Scully, Fort Stevens State Park historian; and Lesley Fornas, a reporter for The Daily Astorian.

The committee hopes to get the replica post office on the National Register of Historic Places, sell postage stamps there and provide a canceling machine which commemorates the building's historical importance.

Fort Clatsop jobs are learning experiences

WARRENTON — It's hard work and the pay is minimum wage, but for the nine Clatsop County teen-agers participating in the Youth Conservation Corp program at Fort Clatsop National Memorial, it's an opportunity they're glad to have.

The nine young people have been doing maintenance and groundskeeping work at Fort Clatsop during the eight-week federal youth jobs program that began in mid-June. This is the second summer YCC crews have worked at the fort.

It's not hard work all the time, though. Some environmental education is sprinkled in with the work, said Lucy Golding, one of two crew leaders supervising the youngsters.

Each of the nine participants dressed in buckskins for one day to help out in the "living history" program at the fort. Several have since decided to volunteer their time on weekends to work with the regular living history staff.

The youths work eight hours per day, with weekends off, something rare for most teen-age summer jobs.

"It is a good job," said 17-year-old Jason Sullenger of Seaside. "You are always moving and it's nice to work outside instead of in a hot restaurant."

For 15-year-old Anh Linh of Warrenton and others in the group, it is their first real job.

"It's a neat experience and you get a good tan working outside," she said.

"It gives you a chance to do something," said 15-year-old Brian Johnson of Warrenton. "It's educational, you get a chance to meet new people and you feel like you've accomplished something when you look at your work."

'It's nice to work outside instead of in a hot restaurant'



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Brian Johnson and Anna Stratton rake wood chips at Fort Clatsop as part of their Youth Conservation Corp jobs.

Family operation

8-10-83

Pizzaria now open in Warrenton

WARRENTON — The Hurd clan of Warrenton has rehabilitated an old building downtown and opened Country Corners Pizzaria, 100 S.E. Main Ave.

The restaurant, which went into business July 26, is open from 9 a.m. to midnight weekdays and 4 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekends. It features menu items with colorful nicknames like "Chip off the Old Block," a pepperoni pizza. It also offers 5-inch "mini-pizzas," as well as a salad bar, for lunch.

Karl Hurd, 53, bought the 33-by-90 foot building in January. It includes the Coast-to-Coast hardware store, 124 S.E. Main Ave., and upstairs apartments which have been vacant for several years. They were so run-down, Hurd says, that an electric utility meter-reader told he he was afraid to go up there in the winter-time. "My wife was so depressed for the first four weeks after we bought it, she wouldn't even come down here."

That's all history now; in fact, the Hurds moved into one of the upstairs apartments recently, after extensive cleanup and remodeling. Both Karl, a real estate salesman here, and Polly, a secretary for the Warrenton-Hammond School District, continue to work at their full-time jobs.

However, they have the help of a large family in the business: Richard, a cook; Michael, a carpenter and cook; Tim, another cook and artist for the wall-size Gay '90s-motif mural at Country Corners; Merry, who runs a commercial baby-sitting operation in one of the upstairs apartments and helps put together the salad bar; Kari, a waitress who also works at The Ship Inn in Astoria; her fiancee, Dan Cederberg, a onetime Astoria High School football star who cooks; John, a Warrenton school bus driver and substitute cook; John's wife, Debby, a waitress, Hurd's granddaughter Paula, a Warrenton Grade School eighth-grader who helps him clean up after hours.

Both Richard and Michael have experience as restaurant cooks, and Richard returned from South Dakota to join the restaurant crew. The whole family lives in Warrenton.

Country Corners offers coffee and homemade pies in the morning and will deliver free anywhere in the Warrenton-Hammond area. It already has landed some trade from Warrenton Lumber Co. late-shift millworkers who order pizzas about 8 p.m., Hurd says.

The restaurant, formerly a b[illegible] shop, seats 45 people.

8-22-83

Yocona leaves Tuesday

A 33-year relationship between the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Yocona, its crew and Astoria will come to an end Tuesday morning when the 213-foot ship sails for its new home port of Kodiak, Alaska.

The Yocona is scheduled to sail between 9:30 and 10 a.m. from its moorage at the foot of 17th Street near the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

It will be the ship's first change of home port since it was moved from Eureka, Calif., to Astoria in 1950. Built for the U.S. Nanvy in 1940, the Yocona usually carried a crew of 65 enlisted personnel and seven officers.

The Yocona is being moved to Kodiak because it is better suited for duty in the North Pacific, according to the Coast Guard. The ship has a double reinforced hull, an advantage in ice-filled waters.

The ship's primary duties — law enforcement, search and rescue and fishery patrol — will remain the same.

The Coast Guard cutter Confidence, now based in Kodiak, will be moved to Port Angeles, Wash., as part of the shuffle. No vessel will be assigned to Astoria to replace the Yocona.

The cutter Resolute, previously based at Coast Guard Base Tongue Point, will take over the Yocona's moorage space.

9-12-83

Naval base reunion draws 250 to Astoria

About 250 former military personnel who served at the Tongue Point Naval Base during the early 1940s to the early 1960s met here recently for a reunion.

Astoria Mayor Edith Henningsgaard gave a welcoming address and retired Rear Admiral David Roscoe Jr., Astoria, a former commanding officer of the Columbia River Group and the naval station, gave a history of the base.

Twelve of the original 17-member U.S. Marine contingent and their wives attended the reunion. Jim Tomlinson, one of the former Marines, noted that he had raised the first flag over the base when it was commissioned as a naval air station. Another former Marine, Verne Durham of San Diego, said he was the first person confined to the brig.

Prizewinners at the reunion included Carolyn Smith, Washington, D.C., for traveling the farthest; Tom Clark, Astoria, the oldest military retiree; Deyo McLendon, Seaside, at Tongue Point the longest; George Ruhberg, Portland, the first Marine; Frances Kostohriz, St. Paul, Minn., the first WAVE; Myron Wick, Everett, Wash., first U.S. Coast Guardsman; and Roland Hendrickson, Astoria, first Navy man.

Reunion-goers toured Astoria during the four-day event, reminiscing about jobs and homes during their tours of duty here. The Tongue Point Reunion Committee—Mr. and Mrs C. Jernigan and Mr. and Mrs. J. Pace, of Albany; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perkins, Warren, and Mr. and Mrs. James Stover, Astoria — organized a tour of the Tongue Point Job Corps Center, which now occupies part of the former naval base, and attended a barbecue prepared by Job Corps students.

8-18-83

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Chamber needs volunteer workers

Volunteers are in short supply for the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's Uppertown Astoria visitor information booth, and this is the time of year they're needed most of all, chamber manager Jim Durham says.

"August is our biggest month for tourism, and we're doing quite well, but I think our count (of visitors stopping at chamber facilities) could be even higher" if the Uppertown station was manned more often, Durham says.

The booth, which doubles as "Santa's hut" in downtown Astoria during the Christmas season, has been set up next to Hauke's Sentry Market, 3300 Leif Erikson Drive, for about six weeks now. But so far, nobody has volunteered to staff it during the weekends and it has often been open only for about two hours a day during the week. Even so, as many as 80 people have called in a single day, Durham says.

People who are interested in volunteering may call the chamber, 325-6311. Durham says he hopes to be able to keep the station open from 10 a.m. to 4 or 6 p.m. daily.

Multipurpose domes proposed for Astoria

8-19-83

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

A domed home may be in the offing for Astoria's seasonal tourist attractions.

Darrell Moss and Howard Walters, part-owners of the Columbia House condominiums in Astoria, have proposed that Astorians consider a multipurpose convention center-theater complex consisting of three identical, linked geodesic domes. Each would be 60 feet high and 120 feet across.

One of the domes might house an auditorium with 900-1,000 seats; another could accommodate annual festivals like the Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival, Astoria Regatta and the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Moss suggested Thursday.

Such domes could be obtained from and set up by Cathedralite Domes Inc., Capitola, Calif., for about $100,000 apiece, a recent price list suggests. (The domes are manufactured in Medford, Moss' home.) That price includes only the shell, but Moss estimates it could be finished with shingles for $30,000 more, plus plumbing and wiring expenses.

"YOU WOULD HAVE an acre under cover, and in far better condition than what we've been getting at Pier 3," he says. Regatta and the Crab Feed were held this year in a little-used warehouse at the westernmost Port of Astoria pier, but its continued use for such events is doubtful. The port's newest tenant, Astoria Oil Services Inc., might take over the space for industrial use.

Thursday Moss and Walters presented their idea to the Astoria Interclub Advisory Council, which consists of representatives of the Regatta Association, Kiwanis, Rotary, the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, Lions, the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association and the Astoria Retail Merchants Committee.

The usual role of the committee is to prevent scheduling conflicts between the various organizations. But Thursday members decided to return to the clubs they represent and ask each to appoint one representative to a new site selection committee for the dome plan. No first meeting has been scheduled.

"THE GEODESIC THING seems to be a pretty good idea," remarked chamber manager Jim Durham. "It's always the same question—where?" Parking space would be necessary for thousands of cars, in addition to room for three 11,309-square-foot domes, he pointed out. "There's some choice property available, but at eight to nine hundred thousand dollars," Durham said, suggesting the Pacific Power & Light Co. former coal-fired generator site on Youngs Bay.

The site should have a waterfront view and be close to a sewer connection, Durham said. Parts of Astoria that have never been developed because of concerns about land-

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slides were suggested at Thursday's meeting, Durham said.

In addition to that idea and the generator site, possibilities include property adjacent to the East Mooring Basin in Uppertown and even the former Alumax aluminum smelter site outside Warrenton, as well as the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. (However, using the fairgrounds would involve finding another site for the annual Clatsop County Fair, unless the fair itself was held in the domes.)

A PUBLICLY OWNED lot whose owner "would be willing to drop (it) for a dollar would be the ideal thing," Durham said, adding that the PP&L property is a "very remote possibility." Even if a large-enough site becomes available at the right price, restrictive waterfront zoning laws could be an obstacle.

No discussion was held regarding how the dome complex would be financed or who would administer it, Durham said.

The theater aspect of the plan is in part an outgrowth of the New Horizon Arts Council's hopes to establish a thriving summer repertory theater here. The first season of plays ends this weekend.

It was the late R. Buckminster Fuller who conceived the geodesic dome. The word "geodesic" indicates the shortest surface line between two points on a curved surface. Geodesic domes are made of equilateral triangles, each of whose sides also forms a side of an adjoining triangle on an intersecting plane. The effect is a geometric pattern which looks like a hemisphere, through it has no curved surfaces. Geodesic domes need no internal supports, so they're ideal for public buildings which need large unbroken spaces—like a convention center or auditorium.

The Cathedralite model dome Moss has in mind has 276 triangles, four openings and a surface area of 22,000 square feet.

Three-dome complexes built by Cathedralite are in use as a church in Caldwell, Idaho, and a Texas restaurant. A local version "could be such an imposing sight, when you come into Astoria, if it's located properly—you'd never forget it," Moss said.

KGW news to broadcast from Astoria

8-19-83

By BEN SILVERMAN
Of The Daily Astorian

KGW-TV news plans to do its first live remote broadcast from the North Coast Wednesday on its 5 p.m. show, weather permitting.

KGW intends to fly microwave relaying equipment to Saddle Mountain, the highest point on the North Coast, and then send a microwave signal from the Columbia River Maritime Museum to the mountain for relaying to Portland. But cloudy weather could nix the plan, says assistant news director Elliott Eki.

"If our visibility is restricted at all, everything we do will be (originated) back here at the studio," Eki said Friday. Even so, though, the hourlong broadcast will concentrate on stories about people and places from Astoria to Newport.

KGW plans an overview on North Coast economic conditions and stories about the Tillamook Burn area, boat building in Newport, tourism as a major industry and the poor coastal salmon season, among others. Eki and 13 of the 15 KGW reporters have helped put together the collection of stories, he said.

This will be the first time a Portland television station has devoted so much news time on a single day to anywhere outside the Willamette Valley, Eki said. "That's part of the reason I'm doing it. What I hope to accomplish is, destroy a lot of this segmentation of the state, and isolationism. We (Oregonians) all have common interests." Portlanders rarely think about Oregonians outside the Willamette Valley, the Burns native said. The KGW viewing area ranges as far away as Baker, La Grande, John Day, Bend and the South Coast. "I'll make you known," Eki said.

On Thursday, a second live remote broadcast is planned for Newport at 5 p.m. Altogether, KGW hopes to air about 18 stories about the coast during the two newscasts. Local and national news stories will be interspersed with the features from the coast.

KGW-TV, Channel 8 in Portland and on North Coast cable television subscribers' sets, is an affiliate of NBC.

Chamber seeks volunteers for county state fair booth

8-24-83

Clatsop County chambers of commerce are looking for volunteers to staff the county's booth at the Oregon State Fair Friday through Sept. 5.

The fair's theme this year is "Harvest Showcase." But agriculture is a minor industry in Clatsop County, so the local booth is built around the theme "Clatsop County, Oregon's Year-'Round North Coast." Photographs of tourist attractions will be displayed.

The four Clatsop County chambers of commerce — Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach and Warrenton — are cooperating in this year's booth Clatsop County commissioners allocated $8,000 this year to the Clatsop County Economic Development Committee to spearhead a county-wide tourism promotion campaign They gave the money with the understanding that the four chambers, for the first time in memory, would work together. The four chambers will reimburse volunteers for their mileage to and from Salem.

This is the second year a Clatsop County-sponsored booth will be set up at the state fair. In 1982, some 9,000 people, 95 percent of them Oregonians, signed up for drawings at the Clatsop County booth. Daily drawings will be repeated this year; winners will receive a free night for two in one of 12 North Coast hostelries during the off-season.

But visitors to the 1983 fair booth need not go away empty-handed even if they don't win one of the drawings. Copies of a brochure about Warrenton, a chamber of commerce-produced visitors' guide to Seaside, a vacation guide published by The Daily Astorian and Oregon Coast magazine will be handed out to all comers. (Oregon Coast magazine has a booth next to the Clatsop County booth.) Volunteers also will give out saltwater taffy. (Last year, 200 pounds of taffy were distributed)

The chambers are seeking volunteers to work between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. each day, in six-hour shifts. Those who want to sign up, may call the Astoria chamber, 325-6311, or the Seaside chamber, 738-6391..

The tourist attractions that will be promoted in booth photographs are:

—The Haystack Rock Run, a footrace Sept. 10;

—The Dickens Festival Christmas-season lamplighting ceremony Dec. 2 in Cannon Beach;

—The Sand Castle Contest, next June in Cannon Beach;

—The Beachcomber Festival March 30-April 1 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center;

—The Miss Oregon Pageant July 12-14 at the convention center;

The Trail's End Marathon Feb. 25 in Seaside;

—The Christmas Gift Fair Nov. 26-27 at the convention center;

—The Seafood Culinary Olympics Jan. 28-29 at the convention center;

—The Independence Day parade in Warrenton;

—Deep-sea fishing out of Warrenton;

—The Oregon Dixieland Jubilee Oct. 7-9 in Astoria, Seaside and Gearhart;

—The Great Columbia Crossing footrace Oct. 15 which ends in Astoria;

—The Scandinavian Food Fair Oct. 22 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria;

—The Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival next March 24-25 in Astoria;

—The Clatsop County Timber Carnival May 12 at Cullaby Lake;

—Astoria Regatta next Aug. 8-12; and

—The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival June 15-17.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

8-26-83

'First St. Festival' set for Saturday

The "First First Street Festival at the Foot of First Street" is on for Saturday.

Josephson's Smokehouse, 106 Marine Drive, the Ship Inn, 1 Second St., and the Dutch Cup, 12 W. Marine Drive, are co-sponsors of the open-air affair, which begins at 11 a.m. on the Dutch Cup lawn and the Josephson's side lot.

"Everything (in the way of Astoria festivals) always happens downtown — it'd be nice to have something happen at this end of town," said Dutch Cup co-owner Emma Sivers in explaining why the three businesses decided to collaborate. The three are about three-quarters of a mile west of the downtown business district.

The First First Street Festival is basically an art show, featuring art work from Pacific Art Guild members, Ted Slotte of Astoria, Ruth Bent of Knappa, Stan Overbay of Astoria, the Things Galore store at 467 W. Marine Drive, S & L Ceramics of Warrenton, Marge Thierry of Astoria, Gary Hill of Astoria and others. Wood carvings, tole paintings, silkscreens, etchings, stained glass and ceramics will be for sale. The Baloonatiks, an Astoria business which sells balloon bouquets as an alternative to flowers, will be on hand distributing ballons to children for release. The ballons will carry tags with children's names and phone numbers in case they land in remote locales. Tape-recorded music will be played; drawings will be held frequently throughout the day. Josephson's, which is well-known for producing delicatessen smoked salmon, will have an outdoor display demonstration of how to use its products to prepare dishes.

Money-strapped chamber raises dues 20%

8-31-83

Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce dues are going up 20 percent for 1984. But that will be too late to ease the deficit in the chamber's 1983 budget.

Eleven chamber board members voted unanimously Aug. 17 to increase business dues from $100 to $120 a year. A 10 percent discount, lowering the net to $108, will be granted to those who pay in full before Jan. 31. Chamber manager Jim Durham says most of the approximately 230 chamber members pay their dues early each year.

The chamber's general fund budget is about $63,000, which covers three employees, utilities, printing and mailing costs, insurance and other office expenses. (The Committee to Promote Astoria, a tourism-oriented group which operates as an arm of the chamber, depends on hotel-motel room tax receipts for its separate $35,000 budget. That money can't be used for administrative purposes.)

"WE'RE DOING MORE and more things, and needing more and more money, just like everybody else," Durham says. "Income is not matching outgo." The chamber could run out of money as soon as the end of October if the picture doesn't brighten, he warns. One of the chamber's problems is outstanding dues for the current year.

Chamber officials plan a membership drive Sept. 13-22. On the last day of that drive, the chamber Ambassadors have scheduled the first of a series of monthly "business after-hours" social gatherings intended to encourage membership. The green-jacketed Ambassadors are the chamber's official greeting group.

The chamber also hopes to raise additional year-end revenue with an extension of the visitors' information center contract to Sept. 30. State government hires the chamber to operate a tourist information center, one of six near major border crossings around Oregon, each summer. The contract is set to expire Sept. 5.

THE NUMBER OF businesses that are chamber members is only about one-third the number of establishments that hold Astoria business licenses. Some non-members are temporary or part-time businesses that are unlikely to join, but Durham says some downtown retail establishments also are non-members.

The chamber has a 20-member board, but nine were absent from the meeting in which former President John Palo made a motion to increase 1984 dues. Joining him were President Loran Mathews, board Chairman Dale Collins, President-elect Jeff Ter Har and board members Bob Meyer, Michael Foster, Stan Hauer, Vic Nunenkamp, Loyd Thompson, Bob Williams and Rupert Kennedy.

The increase is the first in four years.

NORTH COA

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

833-foot freighter due at Astoria port

A ship expected to arrive at Port of Astoria Pier 2 this afternoon is fueling the port's campaign to win public support for a major refurbishment of Pier 1.

Port Director Steve Felkins says the Abul Kamal Azad, at 833 feet long, is precisely the kind of ship that Pier 1 should be rebuilt to accommodate. It is believed to be the longest ship ever to call at the port's 70-year-old Smith Point piers.

The Indian-registered "OBO" ship—the industry term for a multi-purpose ore/bulk/oil carrier—had been idled at anchor off the coast near Astoria for about a week, awaiting a charter. It is coming to port only to pick up provisions.

The port's two slips are too short and narrow to accommodate ships the size of the Abul Kamal under some tidal and wind conditions. That means they sometimes must sail upriver to Longview, Wash., or Portland for berthing. Port officials say they want to stop passing up such valuable business. They are moving toward developing a plan for building a huge new ship berth parallel to the Columbia River channel off Pier 1. That berth wouldn't need the costly annual dredging necessary to maintain the berths in the slips, but it almost certainly would require voter approval of a tax measure for financing.

"The stern (of the Abul Kamal) is going to be at Pier 3 when the bow is in the slip," Capt. Geoffrey Stone, a Columbia River bar pilot and port commissioner, explained Wednesday. It is too big to berth at the Pier 1 berth, which is dredged for only 750 linear feet; the Pier 2 east side is dredged for 1,200 feet.

The Abul Kamal draws 34 feet aft, 19 feet forward and has a beam of 128 feet. It originally was due about 10 a.m., but developed engine problems that prompted postponing the Columbia River bar crossing until the next favorable tide, and was expected after 5 p.m. today.

9-20-83

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Downtown projects topic for forum

A Portland architect who is active in downtown renewal projects will be guest speaker at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon Thursday.



Dick Ragland

Dick Ragland of the Ragland/Hagerman Partnership in architecture, urban planning and interiors will speak at noon in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant, 400 Industry St. The forum is open to the public; reservations, which can be made by calling 325-6311, are required for lunch.

Ragland will be promoting the Oregon Downtown Development Association's "Main Street" concept. Each year, the ODDA picks five small Oregon cities for the program, under which they are supposed to renovate their downtown business districts. Seaside unsuccessfully sought designation this year as a Main Street city.

Ragland will discuss why he thinks a city's downtown is important. "The business areas can be a symbol and a focus of civic pride, or lack of it," he says. "To attract development, jobs and investment, a city needs to project a healthy, active image."

9-7-83

Chamber building hinges on restaurant's lease date

The Port of Astoria is willing to give 3,000 square feet of land it owns off Basin Street to Astoria city government for an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce headquarters building.

But that may be too small a concession to enable the building to become reality.

In a special meeting Friday, port commissioners voted unanimously to deed the former Phillips Petroleum parcel to the city. The land would revert to the port if it ceased to be used for a chamber building. The deed also is subject to a release from the Astoria Thunderbird Inc. on a restriction that it be used only for Thunderbird parking.

Several years ago, the port paid the Thunderbird $75,000 for the parcel over a three-year period, but the Thunderbird won a promise from the port that it would be used only for Thunderbird motel and restaurant parking, commissioners said at a meeting on the matter Wednesday.

The Thunderbird motel-restaurant complex is one of the port's largest tenants and one of its largest sources of revenue.

Todd McCloskey, president of the Thunderbird/Red Lion Motor Inns chain, has indicated willingness to grant the necessary release to the port, but only in exchange for an extension on his restaurant lease to the year 2026, says Dale Collins, chairman of the chamber building committee. It is now due to expire in nine years; 2026 is the year the motel lease expires.

McCloskey has yet to meet with the commission on the matter, nor has he written a letter requesting the extension. He couldn't be reached for comment Friday.

In Wednesday's meeting, commissioners had given strong indications they were unwilling to grant a restaurant lease extension just to help the chamber. All except Chairman Howard Johnson were cool to the idea.

Chamber officials want to set up shop near the corner of Basin Street and Highway 30 because they believe that location would attract more tourist traffic than the chamber's current space on the ground floor of the Pier 1 office building. The Pier 1 site is several hundred feet from the highway and is believed to be hard for passing motorists to spot.

City government budget committee members earmarked $125,000 in the 1983-84 budget for a chamber headquarters.

Information centers show 5% increase

By The Associated Press

Oregon state information center traffic was up 5 percent for the year through the end of August, the state tourism division says. The six centers are at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce headquarters at Port of Astoria Pier 1 and Portland, Brookings, Klamath Falls, Ontario and Ashland.

For the last three weeks of August, the total number of visitors to the centers was up 9 percent from the comparable figure last year. August is "by far our largest month in terms of visitor volume," says Shirley Eads, manager of the tourism division.

At the Astoria center, the August total of 12,077 visitors was the highest for a single month since the chamber took over the tourism center concession in 1978. (The state formerly operated a visitor information center with state employees in the state police office building near the Astoria Bridge entrance.) The August 1982 total was 11,336; the August 1981 total, 11,568.

Jim Durham, chamber manager, says the state has extended its contract with the chamber to run the center through Oct. 31. The extra money provides a lift to the financially hard-pressed chamber and enables it to remain open to tourists on weekends this month and next. The chamber office is closed weekends over the winter months.

9-12-83

Business class hits its stride

Race has KHS students running

By ANN PORTAL
Of The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — While runners limber up for the Great Columbia Crossing footrace to be held Oct. 15, students in a Knappa High School business class are racing to meet a deadline of their own.

Business teacher Cindy Hiester volunteered her business lab class to organize and distribute registration materials for the second annual race. She expected the project to take about one class period a week. It's ended up taking five, but Ms. Hiester says she doesn't mind.

"This has been a real eye-opener for the kids because they are finally understanding how the typing fits in with the telephones, how the filing fits in with the mailing," she says. "It's been a real boost for the program here," she adds.

It's also been a real boost for organizers of the race. Last year, a loosely organized group of volunteers assembled race materials for about 1,000 runners. "We were working on packets the night before the race," admits race director Rich Fencsak.

Up to 2,000 runners are expected to enter next month's 8.5-mile race, which turned away runners last year. Deadline for entries is Oct. 5.

Shortly after the 1982 race, Ms. Hiester and Laura Miller, a former Knappa High student, worked out a procedure for the class to follow. Fencsak agreed, and the class project was born.

The students' work includes coding the forms according to sex, age and T-shirt size, dividing the forms into six divisions, checking the code numbers and cross-filing the forms according to name and division.

To foster the atmosphere of a "real" office, the six juniors and seniors in the class have their own work stations and office supplies. Most inter-office communication must be conducted through memorandums, Ms. Hiester says.

At the race itself, the students will distribute T-shirts and race packets and oversee a system for manually tabulating race results, should anything go wrong with a line linked to the Clatsop Community College computer. Kim Robinson, the college's director of data processing, has written a program that incorporates the students' coding and race results.

After the race, the students will track the registration forms to determine which fliers and advertisements helped persuade runners to enter.

Ms. Hiester says the students have learned in less than a month how to assign priorities to their activities, how to follow written directions and how to help others with heavier workloads.

"It's been a real godsend as far as (learning) organization," she says.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

9-29-83



Capt. Kenneth McAlpin

CAPT. KENNETH McALPIN, who recently retired as a Columbia River bar pilot, is establishing a marine survey and consulting office in the Astor Building, 883 Astor St., Astoria.

After 27 years as a bar pilot and 10 years with the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, McAlpin was the senior member of both groups. Because he has retired from the pilots and was their representative on the board, he must resign his seat.

Capt. McAlpin, 60, has lived in Astoria since becoming a bar pilot. Before that, he put in 12 years as a ship's master for the American Mail Line, sailing around the world, primarily in the Far East. He has a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y., and more than 40 years in the maritime industry.

The new business will specialize in lower Columbia fishing vessels and yachts. McAlpin will survey them to determine their seaworthiness, to assess damages for insurance purposes and to recommend repairs.

PIRIE CONSTRUCTORS INC. of Seattle is being awarded the contract to build the McDonald's Corp. fast-food outlet in Astoria, a company official says.

Construction on the 2,900-square-foot store is scheduled to begin in mid-October. It is due to open by early spring.

The McDonald's will be built at the corner of Sixth Street and Marine Drive at the site of a former service station, which must be demolished before construction can begin.

Pirie has built several McDonald's restaurants, and so has a Vancouver, Wash., contractor who was its principal competition for the Astoria job, a McDonald's spokeswoman said. Pirie will use local subcontractors "in every way that they can," she said.

The restaurant is expected to contain seating for about 85 customers.

McDonald's declines to reveal the value of the contract with Pirie, but the building permit issued for the new store is valued at $126,360.

McDonald's Corp. had 1982 sales of $2.77 billion. It is the world's largest hamburger chain. Its 7,300 stores include about 188 in the five-state Northwest region based at Bellevue, Wash.

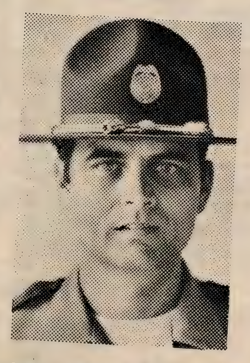
By county commissioners

Trooper honored for rescue

Oregon State Police Senior Trooper Pat Poole was recognized last week by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners for the Aug. 3 rescue of three girls in the surf at Gearhart.

Poole "risked his life in a heroic rescue" of Molly Whelan, 10, Cara Whelan, 15, and Margie Whelan, 16, Commissioner Don Church said in presenting Poole with a certificate of appreciation from the county commissioners, Medix Ambulance Service Inc. and Dr. Gary Boelling. Boelling is the medical adviser for the Clatsop County Ambulance Service District.

"Officer Poole rushed into the surf with utter disregard for his own safety even though he knew full well of the dangerous undertow that trapped Molly, Cara and Margie Whelan," Church said. "The courage that Officer Poole exhibited in this dramatic rescue proves once again how fortunate we are to have among us another selfless individual whose prime concern is the well being of his fellow man."



Pat Poole

The three Bellevue, Wash., girls got into trouble when they went to help Timothy Fuhrer, 12, and Kenneth Fuhrer, 15, both of Lake Oswego, who were in distress in the surf. The boys returned safely to the beach, but by then the girls were in danger themselves. The boys' father, Arthur Fuhrer, 48, Robert Burke of Bainbridge, Wash., and Poole went to the aid of the girls. All but Fuhrer made it safely back to shore. The elder Fuhrer drowned attempting to rescue the three girls.

Church said people who perform "selfless acts of heroism," such as Poole, are too soon forgotten and that the commissioners believe his deed deserves recognition.

The presentation was a surprise to Poole, who thought he was at the courthouse to testify at a trial.

Poole, 34, has been with the Oregon State Police Astoria office about nine years.



It's all downhill from here!

Bob Barricks (far left) was among 900 runners that competed in the 8.5 mile Great Columbia Crossing last Saturday in Astoria. Kris Mueller was first with a time of 42:20. Mueller, of Anchorage, Alaska, is a Linfield College student coached by former Astorian George Oja. Finishing first among women contestants was Rachel Warga of Eugene. Crystal clear weather and temperatures in the mid-fifties saw new records set in the event, now in its second year.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

10-20-83

Astoria car show set for Saturday

The fourth annual Astoria Auto Dealers Association new car show will be held Saturday on 11th Street.

Approximately 35-40 new 1984-model cars will go on display on 11th between Duane Street and Marine Drive. During show hours, from about 9 a.m. to about 5 p.m., those two blocks will be closed to motor vehicle traffic.

The four dealerships that will be exhibiting are Lovell Auto, Lum & Utti, Sunset Ford and Toyota of Astoria. Models on display will be Toyota, Pontiac, GMC trucks, Subaru, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Buick, Volvo, Ford, Mercury and Ford trucks.

In past years, the show has been "very successful," says Dave Lum, partner in the Toyota and Lum & Utti dealerships. "We've had a lot of response, especially when the weather's nice."

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

10-20-83

Fair gives taste of Scandinavian life

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association is sponsoring the second annual Scandinavian Food Fair this Saturday at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds exhibit hall.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., such traditional Scandinavian holiday season treats as frikadeller and lutefisk will be available for free tasting. Free recipes will be available as well. Some items also will be for sale. About 50 North Coast residents, members of the local Scandinavian lodges and the festival association, are preparing the goodies.

The dishes include leifrafurst, a Finnish sweet coffee cheese to be made by Annie Salo; frikadeller, a Danish fried meatball to be made by the Danish Society; krumkake, a cone-shaped cookie popular in Norway and Sweden, to be made by the Daughters of Norway; kringle, a Norwegian pretzel-shaped cookie eaten buttered, to be made by Kathy Helmersen and Corleen Mathews;

Pepparkaka, a crisp Swedish Christmas cookie to be made by Joanne Baker, Phyllis Hayrynen and Pearl Peschl; Swedish pancakes, to be made by Bonnie and Judy Fisher; lefsa, a thin, light Norwegian pancake served cold with various fillings, to be made by the Sons of Norway Lodge;

Potato sausage, to be made by Ferne and Sody Johnson; rullepolse, a sandwich made of the spiced flank of a lamb, sheep or calf served cold, to be made by the Sons of Norway; smor graut, Norwegian butter pudding, to be made by Vesla Harris and Audrey Hauke; pea soup, to be made by the Vasa Lodge, and lutefisk, a specially cured fish baked or steamed and served hot.)

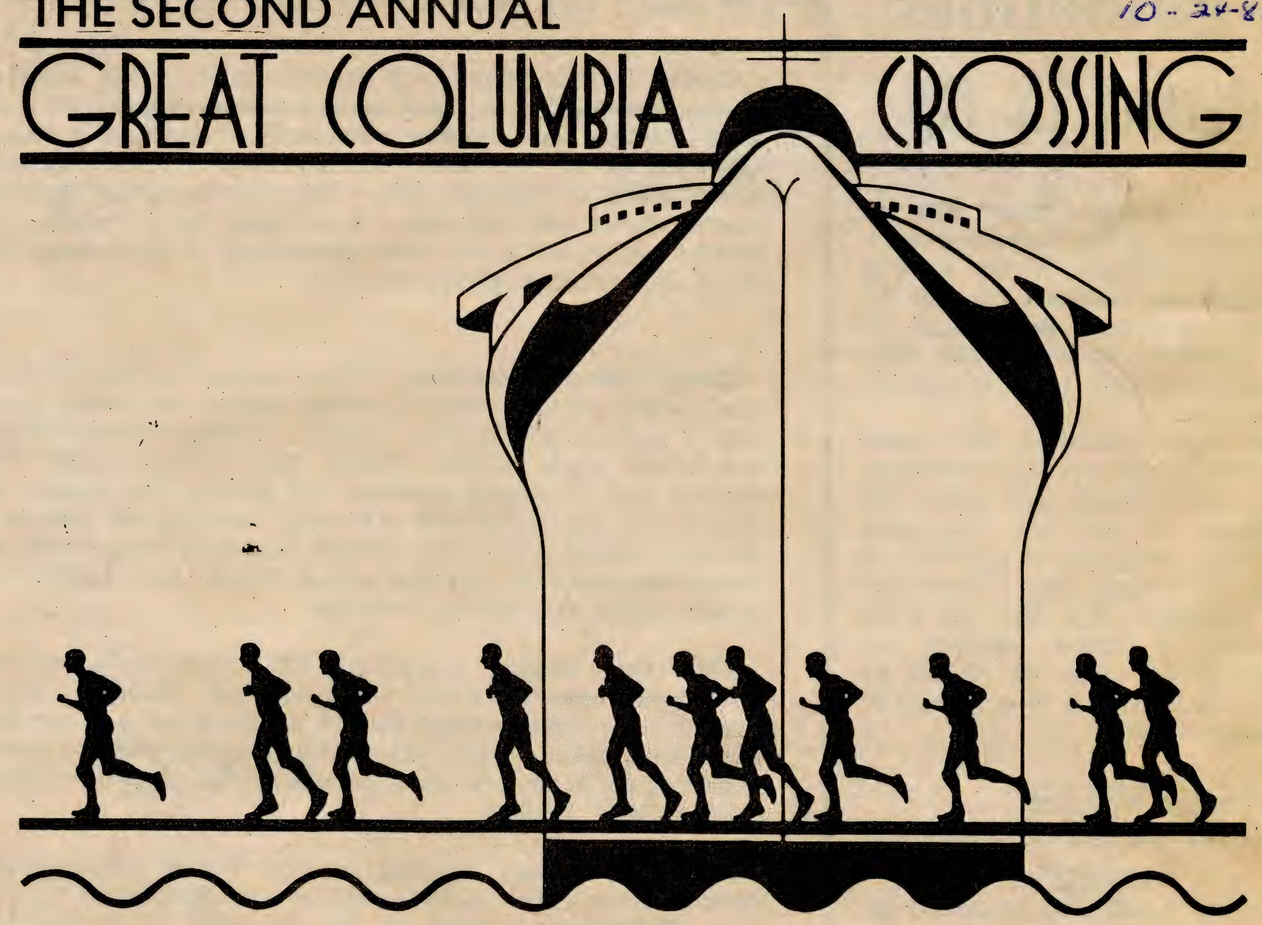
Admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Background music will be provided, and coffee will be served in the "chicken coop" at the west end of the exhibit hall. All items will be prepared from scratch Saturday in view of spectators.

The festival association's main undertaking is the annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival held at Astoria High School each June.

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GREAT COLUMBIA CROSSING

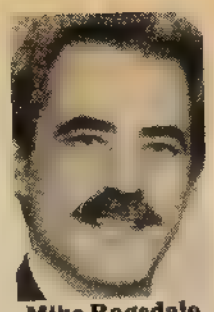


THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce, NIKE, and members of the Race Committee
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10/17 Chamber bills speaker



Mike Ragsdale

Former state Sen. Mike Ragdsale of Beaverton, a real estate developer, will be guest speaker Thursday at an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon.

The luncheon is scheduled for noon at the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant, 400 Industry St. It is open to the public; reservations may be made by calling the chamber, 325-6311.

Ragsdale has had the listing for the so-called Alumax site outside Warrenton, a 656-acre tract zoned for industrial development.

Alumax, former owner of the site, donated it to the San Francisco YMCA as a tax write-off in 1979, after it had abandoned its plans to build an aluminum smelter there.

Thursday Ragsdale is expected to discuss the "Sunset Corridor," a 2,000-acre area flanking the Sunset Highway in the Portland area that is zoned for industrial, commercial, retail and residential development over the next 30 years. Sunset Corridor development is being approached as a partnership between the private and public sectors. The idea is that local governments and developers can avoid prolonged battles over development plans.

Ragsdale was a partner in a privately held real estate development firm that merged with the publicly traded real estate giant Grubb & Ellis. He served in the Oregon Senate from 1973 to 1980.

Chamber seeks flag money

11-4-83

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce is raising money to buy downtown flags.

Chamber manager Jim Durham says there are approximately 12-18 flags too few to decorate all the desired blocks.

The chamber is collecting donations to buy new flags, which will replace worn-out ones. Durham says individuals should contribute only $1 apiece to the flag fund. Some local merchants also have coffee cans for donations in their stores. Donations of flags themselves also will be accepted.

Local Elks Club members have volunteered their time all year long to get the flags out of storage at the old Astoria Fire Station at 30th Street and Marine Drive and display them. They are set up about four to the block on each side of the street, with their poles attached to parking meters, up Commercial Street from about Ninth Street to 14th Street, on 14th from Commercial to Marine Drive and down Marine to about Eighth Street.

Each flag costs about $20, including staff and hardware to attach it to the meters, and the chamber hopes to raise $300-$400 in the fund drive.

Durham said the flags have been displayed about 22 days already this year, including the visits of the Sitmar Cruises luxury liner Fairsea and for seveal days to commemorate the deaths of American servicemen in a Beirut, Lebanon bombing last month.

Durham said "a lot of flak" occurred when the flags weren't displayed during Veterans' Day 1982. That was when the Elks Club took responsibility for displaying them.

Interior photos of post office sought

10/31/83

The eight-member committee that hopes to build a replica of the first U.S. post office in Astoria is stymied by lack of information about the building it wants to replicate.

The John Shively house, which stood on what is now vacant land near the corner of 15th and Exchange streets, was the first post office, designated in 1847. It was torn down in 1906, after it had fallen into disrepair. That was long after Astoria had been given a bona fide post office building at the current post office site.

Committee members have sufficient exterior photos of the Shively house, an ordinary frame structure, to re-create the building on the outside. But they haven't been able to turn up any representations of what the inside looked like.

The house's interior appearance is important because committee members hope to make it a tourist attraction at which postage stamps can be sold and canceled for souvenirs. "If we can get some of these pictures, we know what we're looking for and how much money we're going to have to ask for" to build it, says former Astoria Mayor Harry Steinbock, a member of the committee. State government funds may be available to finance construction, which would be a likely candidate for the National Register of Historic Places.

Committee members hope anyone who has interior photographs or drawings of the Shively house will contact Steinbock, Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce manager Jim Durham or Postmaster Donald Hobson.

Chamber report says

August best month for motels

11-2-83

The motel room occupancy rate in the six Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce member motels and one "bed-and-breakfast" inn reached 89 percent for the month of August, the chamber reports.

August proved the peak month for Astoria motels, according to chamber statistics. This year is the first in which the chamber has maintained motel occupancy figures. During other months of the tourism season, motel occupancy was 47 percent in May, 68 percent in June, 79 percent in July and 73 percent in September.

The six member motels are City Center Motel, Crest Motel, Dunes Motel of Astoria, Lamplighter Motel, Rivershore Motel and Thunderbird Motor Inn. The inn is the Rosebriar Inn, which opened early in the summer. Occupancy percentage figures exclude it until August. It has eight rental rooms.

In Seaside, no exact figures about motel room occupancy are available However, 6 percent municipal room tax figures over the past few years show dramatic growth in motel room rental revenue, at least as far as the third quarter of each year goes.

For the three months ended Sept. 30, room tax revenues totaled $92,451, indicating gross motel room rental revenue of $1.54 million. The comparable figures for the third quarter of 1982 are $75,394 and $1.26 million; for 1981, $66,635 and $1.11 million; for 1980, $55,300 and $922,000. The increase doesn't necessarily indicate increased occupancy levels, however, because higher rental rates could be contributing.

A Seaside City Hall spokeswoman said she has no figures about the number of motels or motel rooms within the city limits. However, a chamber spokeswoman says about 38 lodging establishments with a total of about 750 rental rooms, including the Riverside Inn bed and breakfast inn, are within the city limits. Some chamber member motels are outside city limits.

Prudence Adams of the chamber says tourism in the 1983 peak season increased over the same season last year "from every indication."

Others will decide

What Mike Ragsdale recently said to an Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce audience about development of the Sunset Corridor in Washington County obviously applies to development of the former Alumax property in Clatsop County. Ragsdale's real estate firm has a contract to market the Alumax site.

He said the Sunset Corridor could not have been developed by a chamber of commerce or a local economic development committee; it had to be done by a coalition of private sector interests.

Speaking of the Alumax site of 662 acres he said "it is the only site of that size on a major deep-water port in the Western states. The buyer for the property is probably not in Oregon and may not be on the West Coast."

This newspaper has said repeatedly that many decisions regarding economic development in Clatsop County will be made in corporate board rooms far from Clatsop County.

We see an example of that at Tongue Point. New top level management of Crown Zellerbach Corp. decided the company's operations would be concentrated in Louisiana and in a corridor between Camas, Wash., and Seaside where the company has access to a perpetual timber supply. That brought about the company's decision to build a mill at Tongue Point to be followed by at least two others in Clatsop County.

Representatives of Morrison-Knudsen Co., one of the world's largest building contractors, recently notified the Port of Astoria Commission that they had examined a couple dozen locations between Mexico and Canada for the assembling of offshore oil drilling equipment and as a base for company operations in Asia and had decided the Port of Astoria had exactly what they were looking for.Prior to that Port of Astoria officials were not aware that M-K was even looking.

That's the way it will be with the magnificent Alumax industrial property which Alumax deeded to the San Francisco YMCA. The site had a unique advantage because of its access to Pacific Rim markets through the Port of Astoria. A corporation will one day buy or lease the property because of that advantage.

All of this is not to say that local interests cannot exert some influence on economic development. They can by showing willingness to accommodate it. But the decisions relating to large investments will be made at corporate headquarters. There many factors are weighed in the process of locating an industry.

11-7-83



The Daily Astorian — ANN PORTAL

Warmly welcomed

The red, white and blue M.V. Columbia Gorge sternwheeler braved driving rain and 40 mph wind gusts Saturday night to board cruises out of Astoria Sunday at the beginning of its nine-hour the 145-foot boat and welcome the visitors. About 250 passengers arrived in Astoria return trip to Portland. About 250 passengers arrived in Astoria overnight at the Thunderbird Motor Inn, while another 100 boarded Saturday night on the first of the $2.6-million cruise boat's buses for a quicker trip back to Portland. Capt. John Gautier of semi-annual trips down the Columbia River. Astoria Mayor Edith Cascade Locks said the stormy weather made for a long trip, but Henningsgaard and Commission Chairman Howard Johnson he said the sternwheeler handled "extremely well" in spite of it.

11-8-83

ASTORIA'S BORDER INFORMATION center handled about 5 percent more traffic in 1983 than last year, about in line with statewide averages, Oregon Economic Development Department figures show.

The Astoria center, located in the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce office on the ground floor of the Port of Astoria Pier 1 building, counted 35,678 visitors before funding expired for the year Oct. 30. That is a record; the 1982 figure was 34,077.

Statewide, the six centers saw 254,846 visitors in 1983, up 6 percent from 240,843 in 1982. The other centers are on Interstate 5 near the California border, in Portland, in Ontario, in Klamath Falls and in Brookings. Volume is highest in the Ashland-area center, lowest at Klamath Falls; all other centers except Klamath Falls see higher volume than Astoria's.

The Portland center saw a 15 percent increase, the Klamath Falls center a 14 percent increase, and the Brookings center a 12 percent increase this year. But the Ontario center traffic volume rose just 2 percent and the Ashland center dropped 3 percent. The Klamath Falls figure of 26,675 is a record.

The six centers begin counting tourists for the year May 28. All are state facilities staffed by state employees that close during the off-season except Astoria's, which is administered by the chamber through a contract with the state.

EDC bills chamber program

11-11-83

Clatsop County's chambers of commerce will be in the spotlight Thursday at the November meeting of the Clatsop County Economic Development Committee.

Representatives of the Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach and Warrenton chambers have been invited to participate in a panel discussion of the chambers' role in promoting economic development. The Astoria chamber has designated manager Jim Durham to be its spokesman, the Seaside chamber, manager Sue Folk, and the Cannon Beach chamber, board member and former President George Vetter; the Warrenton chamber has yet to designate a representative.

The meeting is scheduled for the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. A no-host cocktail hour is planned for 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7, and the business meeting begins at 7:30. Dinner reservations are due by noon Tuesday; they may be made with Margaret Forbes of the EDC, 325-4521.

Chamber slates speaker

11-15-83

A Boise Cascade Corp. official will be guest speaker Thursday at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Forum luncheon.

Jim Weathers will speak at the noon luncheon in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant, 400 Industry St. He will discuss Boise Cascade's role in northwest Oregon and Clatsop County.

The luncheon is open to the public; reservations may be made by calling the chamber, 325-6311.



Jim Weathers

Weathers is timberlands manager for Boise's northwest Oregon operations, headquartered at Monmouth. Though it has no production facilities and relatively few employees locally, the Boise, Idaho-based forest products giant is Clatsop County's second-largest private landowner, with 54,000 acres. For the 1982 fiscal year, it paid $126,561 in local property taxes on $8.6 million of assessed valuation, making it the county's fifth-largest property-tax payer. Only two other forest products companies and two utilities paid more.

Weathers joined Boise Cascade seven years ago as assistant to the director of planning for the timber and wood products group. He had worked for Mobil Corp. and Bendix Corp. in finance and long-range planning.

Weathers attended Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon State College) and graduated from Oregon State University in business administration. He has a master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California.

Farmer of the Year credits Mother Nature

11/17/83



Nick Stefanowicz

Nick Stefanowicz was recently selected as the 1983 Tree Farmer of the Year for Clatsop County. He will be honored by the Clatsop Small Woodlands Association and the Astoria Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon on November 17 at the Thunderbird Restaurant in Astoria.

The purpose of the Oregon Tree Farmer of the year contest is to recognize the achievements of the small forest landowners in the state. There are over 25,000 such landowners in Oregon and about 1000 in Clatsop County.

Stefanowicz, who is a retired longshoreman, started planting trees on his 65-acre Green Mountain property in the Olney area back in 1957. Then tree planting was a hobby. "Until that time I was trying to raise cattle and had a little bit of timber," says Stefanowicz. "I decided to give up on the cows and plant trees in one of my pastures. I couldn't believe how fast the trees grew--that's what really belongs on this land!"

Perhaps Stefanowicz's biggest project over the past 25 years has been digging up and replanting wild or natural tree seedlings on his property. "When I started planting fir trees, you couldn't just go and buy seedlings very easily," according to Stefanowicz. "But I was lucky that some of my older timber was seeding in young trees underneath it."

So Stefanowicz started using these "brood' trees to produce his future crop. "I let Mother Nature do her thing, I guess," reflects Stefanowicz. "The only thing I do is clear the ground a little so the natural seeding can happen. Then I dig up the seedlings and move them to where they will have more space and light and can grow faster." Stefanowicz estimates having planted more than 5000 trees using this method.

But tree farming also takes "a lot of hard work and sweat," reports Stefanowicz. In fact, Nick's only equipment on his tree farm is a "chainsaw, a four-wheeler, and a two-wheeler." The "four-wheeler" refers to his truck that he uses to haul firewood and other forest products removed during thinning his trees. The "two-wheeler is my feet," says Stefanowicz. "I do most all of the work on my place by hand--it's me, my truck, and my saw."

Besides planting his wild tree seedlings, Stefanowicz has also thinned about five acres of young fir forest that was "too thick to walk through." He has also had more than 23 acres logged by contract loggers, converting mostly hardwood lands to a productive Douglas-fir forest. Last year alone over 9000 nursery-grown fir trees were planted on the Stefanowicz tree farm, restocking these cutover lands.

When asked why he's a tree farmer, Stefanowicz says, "Trees are a crop. We're all lucky to have land that can grow trees so well. It should be our job to take care of what we have, get the most off the land by manageing it properly and start another crop growing." Also, Nick says, "I just really like the feeling of walking through the areas I've planted or thinned. It makes me feel like I've accomplished something with my life."

According to John Christie, President of the Clatsop Small Woodlands Association, "Nick deserves a lot of credit for what he has done over the years. We'd like to thank him and also offer his activities as an example of what a small landowner can do. We hope many of the local tree farmers will attend this luncheon to honor Nick." To make a luncheon reservation, call the Astoria Chamber of Commerce at 325-6311.

And now he's Tree Farmer of the Year

11/8/83

Land owner traded cattle for fir

By TONY MEYER
Of The Daily Astorian

OLNEY — Nick Stefanowicz is helping to keep Green Mountain green.

For his efforts, the 62-year-old retired longshoreman has been named 1983 Tree Farmer of the Year for Clatsop County by the Clatsop Small Woodlands Association.

Stefanowicz, selected from among three nominees for the honor, will represent Clatsop County in the annual Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year contest. The contest recognizes the achievements of small-forest landowners in the state. There are about 1,000 such landowners in Clatsop County, and about 25,000 statewide.

Stefanowicz began planting trees on his 65 acres in 1957 as a hobby.

"UNTIL THAT TIME I was trying to raise cattle and had a little bit of timber," he says. "I decided to give up on the cows and plant trees in one of my pastures. I couldn't believe how fast the trees grew. That's what really belongs on this land."

His biggest project over the last 25 years has been digging up and replanting native trees on his property about 15 miles southeast of Astoria.

"When I started planting fir trees, you couldn't just go and buy seedlings very easily. But I was lucky that some of my older timber was seeding in young trees underneath it."

Stefanowicz clears the ground under the older timber to aid the natural seeding process. Then he digs up the seedlings and moves them to places where they'll have more space and light, which they need to grow faster. He estimates he's planted about 5,000 trees using this method.

"I do a little work and then let Mother Nature take over."

Besides planting seedlings, Stefanowicz has thinned about five acres of young fir.

Contract loggers have harvested about 23 acres of trees on his property. Last year, that land was reforested with about 9,000 nursery fir trees.

Stefanowicz says he gets a great deal of satisfaction from his efforts as a tree farmer.

"I JUST REALLY like the feeling of walking through the areas I've planted or thinned. It makes me feel like I've accomplished something with my life."

The Clatsop Small Woodlands Association and the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce will honor Stefanowicz at a noon luncheon Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Thunderbird Seafare in Astoria.



The Daily Astorian—TONY MEYER

"I let Mother Nature do her thing, I guess," says Nick Stefanowicz, 1983 Clatsop County Tree Farmer of the Year.

Chamber's building site hopes fade

11-17-83

The Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce's hope of building a new headquarters off the corner of Basin Street and West Marine Drive appears to be in its death throes.

Chamber Manager Jim Durham and board Chairman Dale Collins said at Wednesday's chamber board meeting that Thunderbird Motor Inns President Tod McClaskey has nixed the chamber's bid to use part of the Astoria Thunderbird Seafare restaurant's parking lot for the headquarters building.

Though the Port of Astoria owns the land, McClaskey's 20-year lease on it extends for nine more years. The port already is the chamber's landlord, but the rent-free space it provides in the ground floor of the Pier 1 office building is considered hard for passing tourist traffic on Highways 101 and 30 to spot.

The reason McClaskey refuses to relinquish his rights to the few parking spaces, he says, is the port commission's unwillingness to extend the restaurant lease, which McClaskey wants extended until the separate lease on the adjacent motel runs out in 2026. Port commissioners so far have refused to grant such an extension.

"McClaskey has turned our site down flat without any qualms at all," Collins told his fellow board members. McClaskey's statement reportedly was made last Thursday, when port commission Chairman Howard Johnson, Commissioner Nick Zafiratos and Administrative Director Ted Bugas journeyed to Portland to meet with him.

Chamber officials are unhappy with McClaskey for what they consider his lack of response to their inquiries. Collins said he will try to reach him again by phone, but "indications are McClaskey's just lost interest in it and doesn't give a damn...He gives me the impression that he's avoiding me, but I keep hammering on him...."

Bill Dryden, chairman of the chamber's legislative committee who attended the meeting for a separate item, suggested the chamber might consider discontinuing its regular patronage of the Seafare restaurant's second-story meeting rooms.

Chamber President Loran Mathews had hoped the chamber building committee could quickly settle on a site for the new building. He said he was disappointed by the setback in the project, for which Astoria city government officials earmarked $125,000.

Productivity workshop aimed at small firms

11-30-83

A "Small Business Productivity Workshop" presented by the Oregon Productivity Center will be held Dec. 9 at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

The $10 fee for the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. workshop includes a continental breakfast, lunch, breaks and a detailed implementation manual.

The workshop is sponsored by Clatsop Community College in cooperation with the Astoria and Seaside chambers of commerce. The Oregon Productivity Center is an extension service of the School of Engineering at Oregon State University.

Designed for small businesses with five to 50 employees, the workshop is suitable for either manufacturing or service industries. It is limited to no more than five people from each organization and a maximum registration of 50.

The workshop features the best of the analytical approaches to productivity developed or used by OPC since its inception three years ago. Although geared specifically to smaller organizations, many of the topics will be of value and interest to middle-sized and large firms, organizers said.

Workshop leader is OPC Associate Director Glenn Felix, who consults with organizations throughout Oregon on productivity improvement. He is editor of the organization's "Primer" publication and is co-author, with center Director Jim Riggs, of "Productivity by Objectives," published this year by Prentice-Hall.

Felix will introduce the concepts of productivity and quality, and will discuss the value of tools designed by OPC to measure productivity. In addition, he will explore concepts known as "work sampling" and "flow process," two powerful industrial engineering methods for improved operations.

To register for the workshop, a check must be sent to either the Astoria or Seaside chamber of commerce by Dec. 6.

The low cost of the seminar is made possible by a U.S. Bancorp grant, part of a statewide effort to revitalize Oregon's economy. Additional support comes from the Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Department of Commerce and OSU.

12-16-83

Atiyeh appoints Felkins



Steve Felkins

Port of Astoria Director Steve Felkins has been appointed to a two-year term on the Oregon-Korea Economic Cooperation Committee. The 19-member panel is picked by Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

The committee was established in 1980 to sponsor trade fairs and exchange visits between Oregonian and South Korean business people.

Its other members include former Oregon Senate President Jason Boe, Louisian-Pacific chief executive Harry Merlo, Nike Co. chief Phil Knight, Burlington Northern Inc. international trade unit director Ted Michon, NERCO President Gerard Drummond, and James Thayer of Beaverton, who was chairman of Atiyeh's Lower Columbia economic development task force.

Felkins formerly served as manager of the Port of Coos Bay and as the director of the ports division of the state Economic Development Department. At the same time Felkins was appointed, Bruce Laird, North Bend, was reappointed.

12-12-83



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Festival of lights

Bathed in light from her candle, Junior Miss Sweden Rachel Peitsch joined the Lucia Bride's procession around the Christmas tree Friday night during the Santa Lucia Festival. Approximately 200 people came to the Astoria Elks Lodge to see the reigning Lucia bride, Michelle Johnson of Astoria, and to watch the program, which included entertainment by Scandinavian dancers.

This is the first year that the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association and the Astor Lodge 215 Vasa Order of America have co-sponsored the late-fall festival.

Historical society hosts 2nd dinner

12-7-83

By LESLEY FORNAS
Of The Daily Astorian

Holiday traditions of another era will be recalled this weekend as the Clatsop County Historical Society hosts its second Victorian Christmas Weekend in Astoria.

The three-day event opens Friday with a Christmas open house at the Flavel House Museum. It continues Saturday and Sunday with tours of Victorian homes and a gourmet dinner prepared by nationally acclaimed cooking instructor and cookbook author Richard Nelson. All are fund-raisers for the historical society.

At Friday's open house, beginning at 7:30 p.m., carolers, a bell choir, musicians and dancers will entertain as punch and cookies are served. Popular Christmas characters Scrooge and Bob Cratchit will welcome guests. A specially decorated Christmas tree will be added to the museum's Chinese exhibit for the affair. Homemade foods will be sold. Admission is $3.50.

"THIS IS A family-oriented evening for the community," said Stephen Recken, museum curator. "People may come and go as they please."

The museum building at 441 Eighth St., built in 1885, is one of eight historic homes that will be open for weekend tours. It is recognized as one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in Oregon and is decorated for the holidays.

House tour tickets are $9 for six houses or $6 for four homes and are available at the museum. Included in either tour ticket price is a bonus visit to Rosebriar Inn, 636 14th St. It was built in 1905, formerly housed a convent and is now a bed and breakfast inn. The inn has been decorated for Christmas in time for this weekend's guests.

OPEN FOR TOURS Saturday, in addition to the Flavel House Museum and Rosebriar Inn, will be the Boelling-Kinney house, 788 Franklin Ave.; the Mansell house, 934 Irving Ave.; the Capt. Hiram Brown house, 1337 Franklin Ave.; the Judge Charles Page house, 1393 Franklin Ave.; the Gust Holmes house, 682 34th St.; and the Ness house, 3978 Franklin Ave. All but the Brown and Holmes houses also will be open Sunday for tours.

Homes on the tour were built from 1853 to 1905. Most will display Christmas decorations, some from the Victorian era, and at least one of the homeowners will serve refreshments to visitors. This weekend marks the first time the Ness home, built in 1902 for a grocer and his family, has been open for public tours. It is built of cedar, remains largely in its original style and once was reached only by a swinging bridge that spanned a gulch. It is furnished with a collection of antiques and original art.

Recken said the historical society has received inquiries about the home tours from throughout the Pacific Northwest. He noted a similar package offered in August during the Astoria Regatta was highly successful.

"IT AMAZES ME how much interest there is in Victorian home tours," Recken said. "There are a lot of people seriously interested in Victorian homes and furniture. Astoria has so many exciting, quality Victorian homes for a city of its size."

A meal fit to be served in one of the city's elegant Victorian houses will be offered Saturday in a dinner at Astoria High School, 1001 W. Marine Drive. Nelson has planned the meal and will supervise preparation. The menu lists roast goose with cornbread dressing, puree of parsnips and madiera, glazed carrots with fresh mint, cranberry chutney, white onions with croutons, salad greens with mustard vinagrette and pumpkin pecan flan. Wine will be served with dinner.

Entertainment at the dinner will feature Little Ballet Theatre of Astoria, performing a portion of "Coppela" that it recently presented to the Oregon Arts Council in Portland, the Astoria High School Swing Choir and vocalist and choir instructor Karen Soderberg. Music will be offered throughout dinner.

THE DINNER IS at 8 p.m. and is $25. A no-host social hour, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the museum, will begin the evening. Black tie is optional. Attendance is by reservation only. For reservations, call the museum, 325-2563.

The society's first Victorian Christmas Weekend, in 1982, was rated a success by the organization. This year's Friday night reception at the Flavel House Museum is a new event.

Recken said this weekend's celebration, one of the historical society's biggest undertakings of the year, is the product of hundreds of hours of volunteers' time.

Chamber bills editor

12-7-83

The managing editor of a Portland-based business-oriented daily newspaper will be guest speaker Thursday at the Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce December Forum luncheon.



Steve Finegan

Steve Finegan works for The Daily Journal of Commerce. He will discuss Oregon's economic development and its leadership. He will speak at noon in the Chinook Room of the Thunderbird Seafare restaurant, 400 Industry St.

Finegan attended Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and Portland State University. He writes a daily article on business for the newspaper and is heard regularly on Portland radio stations KXL, KYXI and KBPS. He conducts seminars at Portland Community College in business communications and marketing several times a year. Finegan has been reporting on business in the Pacific Northwest for nearly 10 years.

The luncheon is open to the public, but reservations are required. They may be made through the chamber, 325-6311.

Want to sponsor the annual crab feed?

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The Committee to Promote Astoria is looking to surrender sponsorship of the Great Astoria Crab Feed and Seafood Festival. But that annual early-spring event will continue whether or not a new sponsor can be found, Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Manager Jim Durham says.

"The committee is really hopeful of getting out of doing (sponsoring) the events because (it) really only consists of 10 people," Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce Manager Jim Durham told The Daily Astorian. (The committee, a volunteer arm of the chamber, seeks to boost tourism.) "Actually, it really isn't all that much work."

If another sponsor is found, Durham said, the chamber would continue to administer the two-day festival, but the new sponsor would be responsible for the manual labor necessary for set-up and clean-up.

The third annual Crab Feed is scheduled for March 24 and 25, 1984 at the former Barbey Packing Corp. cannery complex under the Astoria in Port of Astoria Pier 1. Port bridge, but that 10,000-square-foot commissioners are to be asked to space is far too small for it now. authorize using the site next month.

The festival was held in a 43,000-square-foot "house" at port Pier 3 last year, but that option has been foreclosed because it has been leased to Astoria Oil Service Inc. In its first year, the festival was held uses the proceeds to advertise future committee-sponsored tourist events.

Dr. Dan Andriesian, the festival's chief for the last two years, "spends a lot of time one it, but he's getting tired," Durham said. New sponsor or no, "we don't want to lose it — it's too good an event to give up."